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FOR THE YEAR

1914.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY IVOR CHURCHILL, BARON WIMBORNE,

LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE, the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, beg to submit the following General Report of our proceedings during the year 1914.

Constitution of Commission

It is with deep regret we report the death of R. Y. Tyrrell, Esq., Litt.D., S.F.T.C.D., for many years a member of the Board. Doctor Tyrrell's period of service as a Commissioner was considerably longer than that of any of the existing members. He was a "continuing Commissioner" under Section 3 of the Scheme, and he had been originally appointed so far back as July, 1881. The vacancy thus caused had not been filled at the close of the year covered by this Report. Subject to the vacancy referred to, the members of the Board, both appointed and elected, remain the same for 1914 as those for 1913. The names of the Commissioners are given *infra*. Appendix A, No. 1, p. 10.

Meetings and Attendances

We held Quarterly Meetings on January 22, April 23, July 23, and October 15, and a Special Meeting on March 12. This latter was summoned for the discharge of business involving the use of the Common Seal, which can take place only at Board meetings. At the meeting of January 22 we elected Very Rev. J. M. Hamilton, M.A., D.D., to be our Chairman, and Right Rev. Monsignor Byrne, P.P., V.G., to be our Vice-Chairman for the year. A Table of the attendances of the Commissioners is given *infra*, Appendix A, No. IV., p. 11.

Standing Committee.

No change took place in the constitution of the Standing Committee during the year. Fifteen meetings were summoned, none of which failed for want of a quorum. The names of the Commissioners comprising the Standing Committee are given *infra*, Appendix A, No. II., p. 10, and a Table of Attendances of the Standing Committee will be found in Appendix A, No. V., p. 11.

Office Staff

On the outbreak of the war our Clerk, Mr. T. P. Craig, with a spirit which we fully appreciate, expressed his desire to join the Military Forces of the Crown. We willingly granted the required permission and promised to keep Mr. Craig's position open during his absence, our Secretary undertaking at the same time to carry on the work of the office, provided he was granted an allowance for clerical assistance. The Treasury sanctioned the allowance and Mr. Craig is now serving as

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a Second Lieutenant in the 7th (Service) Battalion of the Leinster Regiment. Apart from this temporary withdrawal of our Clerk, no change has taken place in our Staff during the year. Their names are given in Appendix A, No. III., p. 10.

Accounts.

Accounts.—In Appendix B, pp. 12-24, we give Summaries of our Audited Accounts, together with the Certificate of the Local Government Board Auditor.

Receipts.

The following is a Summary of the Income Side of our Account :—

ACCOUNT.	INCOME—1914.				Net Credit Balances January 1, 1914.	Gross Total.
	Rents.	Dividends.	Miscellaneous.	Total Income.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ulster Royal School Endowments.	2,181 6 10½	2,277 14 1	75 13 5	4,534 14 4½	1,417 17 3½	5,952 11 8
Ulster Royal School "Building Funds," etc.	—	116 6 5	7 10 10	123 17 3	63 17 3	187 14 6
Other Endowments,	229 15 3	1,453 11 8	45 17 11	1,729 4 10	384 19 10	2,114 4 8
Total,	2,411 2 1½	3,847 12 2	129 2 2	6,387 16 5½	1,866 14 4½	8,254 10 10

Expenditure.

Subjoined we give, in Summary, a Table of Expenditure :—

ACCOUNT.	EXPENDITURE—1914.				Net Credit Balances December 31, 1914.	Gross Total.
	Rents, Rates, and other outgoings.	Payment of Reduced Masters' Annuities.	Distribution for Educational Purposes.	Total Expenditure.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ulster Royal School Endowments.	732 4 5	339 13 4	3,468 0 0	4,539 17 9	1,412 13 11	5,952 11 8
Ulster Royal School "Building Funds," etc.	—	—	122 1 11	122 1 11	65 12 7	187 14 6
Other Endowments,	172 13 3	60 0 0	1,409 6 5	1,641 19 8	472 5 0	2,114 4 8
Total,	904 17 8	399 13 4	4,999 8 4	6,303 19 4	1,950 11 6	8,254 10 10

Comparison.

Income.—Compared with the returns given in our previous report, our gross income from all sources shows an increase of £158 9*s.* 7*d.*, the figures being £6,387 16*s.* 5½*d.* in 1914 as against £6,229 6*s.* 10½*d.* in 1913. Rents are up by £136, this increase being mainly due to a more successful year's collection on the Tyrone and Carysfort Estates, and Dividends also are higher by £23, principally as the result of increased lodgments in respect of interest in lieu of rent due to us out of the three estates sold under the Irish Land Act, 1903. Miscellaneous Receipts, which vary from year to year, are on the present occasion reduced by £1 7*s.* 3*d.*

Expenditure.—Our expenditure on estate outgoings, cost of management, etc., is £904 17*s.* 8*d.* as compared with £736 12*s.* 2*d.* in the previous year. This increase is due to the payment of a large Bill of Costs on the Tyrone estate which had been accruing since 1897. Were it not for the discharge of this claim the outgoings would be normal. The amount applied to educational purposes during the year is greater than that of the previous period by £131 14*s.* 4*d.*, the figures being £4,999 8*s.* 4*d.* in 1914 as against £4,867 14*s.* 0*d.* in 1913.

Balances.—Our Income for the year exceeded our Expenditure by £83 17*s.* 1½*d.*, and the sum total of our net credit balances on December 31, 1914, was accordingly greater by that amount than the sum total shown on the corresponding date of the previous year.

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Capital.—No change has taken place during the year in the nature of the Securities held by the Board, and our Stock Account remains as it was at the date of our last Report. See Memorandum Account, pp. 14-19.

ULSTER ROYAL SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS.

General.

Notwithstanding the fact that three of the Selected Schools failed to qualify under the Scheme during the past year and that the total School roll is still a diminishing quantity, we believe that, on the whole, the Schools sharing in these endowments continue to be efficiently conducted. Save for the points just mentioned, the returns dealing with the Schools, the educational results, and the condition of the buildings are, speaking generally, of a satisfactory character. For full particulars on these items, we would refer to the Reports of our Secretary, who, as Lord Lieutenant's Inspector, visited the various Schools last September. These Reports will be found in Appendix C, pp. 25-30.

Numbers.

The total number on the Rolls of the Schools under the control of the Local Boards for the year 1913-14 was 686 as compared with 714 for the previous year. This is a marked falling off, and is the more significant in view of the fact that for the four preceding years the returns registered a constantly diminishing number, the figures being 820 in 1909-10, 771 in 1910-11, 747 in 1911-12, and 714 in 1912-13. It will thus be noted that between 1909-10 and 1913-14 the total roll has fallen from 820 to 686—a difference of 134 or 16·3 per cent. It is just possible that the problem of falling numbers, which is fast becoming a serious one for some of the Schools, may be somewhat eased as one of the results of the War, parents who under other circumstances might wish to have their children educated abroad not being likely to send them far afield in such troublous times.

The number of pupils presented for the Intermediate Examinations in 1914 was 383 out of a possible 433, or 88 per cent. of gross Intermediate Rolls. This percentage is higher than that of several previous years, and has, we think, been only once exceeded in the history of the Scheme.

Efficiency.

Tested by the Intermediate Examinations, the efficiency of the Schools, taken as a whole, is creditable. Out of 383 pupils presented for examination 261 were successful, that is the percentage of Passes is 68, as compared with 60 last year. This is a substantial improvement. The general results for the whole country have also improved, but they have not done so to the same extent, the general percentage being 59 in 1914 and 55 in 1913. It will thus be seen that the Schools sharing in these endowments still maintain their higher percentage of Passes, and whereas in 1913 that superiority was represented by a percentage of 5, in 1914 it rose to a percentage of 9.

School Premises.

The condition of Armagh, Raphoe, Dungannon and Enniskillen Royal School Buildings may be described as good, but that of Cavan Royal School cannot be regarded as satisfactory, and expenditure on the last named building has become pressing, if the premises are to be fairly maintained. The urgent attention of the Local Board concerned has been called to this matter. The Schools under the Roman Catholic Boards are all in good condition, the buildings being comparatively modern, and the task of upkeep proportionately light.

"Qualified Schools."

Of the twelve Schools selected by the Local Boards of Education, we are satisfied that nine have fulfilled the conditions prescribed by the Scheme to qualify them to share in the Endowments of their respective districts. We accepted as evidence of this qualification the Certificate of the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector, who visited each of the Schools in September, 1914. See Appendix C, pp. 25-27. Particulars as to the disqualification of the three remaining Schools are also set forth in the same Appendix, p. 27.

In view of the fact that two of these latter Schools had qualified under the Scheme for many previous years, we exercised in their favour the dispensing power vested in us under the First Schedule, and we allowed them to share in the endowments of their respective districts for the year 1913-14; even though they had not "qualified" for that period.

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Proposed alteration of Scheme

In connection with the three failures just referred to, representations were made to us early in the year that, as the result of the discontinuance of the Preparatory Grade Examinations by the Intermediate Education Board, it had become more difficult for Schools to qualify under the Scheme, and that the increased strain thus imposed was likely to prove too much for some of the smaller Schools. After consideration we have decided to apply to the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland to alter the Scheme by reducing the number of Passes required from seven to five. (First Schedule—Qualified Schools.)

Local Boards

We print in Appendix D, pp. 32-44, the Annual Reports of the Local Boards of Education. The amount distributed among those Boards for the benefit of their respective School Districts was £3,468, allocated as follows:—Armagh, £830; Cavan, £255; Donegal, £221; Fermanagh, £944; and Tyrone, £1,218.

We also paid to the Cavan Roman Catholic Board and to the Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board the income of their respective Building Funds; and to the Fermanagh Protestant Board the rent received for Portora Point.

OTHER ENDOWMENTS.

Preston Endowment.—The gross income of this Endowment for the year, including dividends on the separate Capital Accounts of the Navan and Abbeyleix Schools, and small Miscellaneous Receipts, was £925 6*s.* 3*d.* as compared with £927 11*s.* 10*d.* for the previous year. The amounts allocated to the several Schools having claims on the Endowment, after payment of the necessary outgoings, were as follows:—King's Hospital, Oxmantown, £161 18*s.* 1*d.*, Preston School, Navan, £373 16*s.* 8*d.*; and Preston School, Abbeyleix, £302 11*s.* 7*d.*

Preston School, Navan.—We print, *infra*, p. 31, the Report of the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector. We note with regret that the Returns accompanying the Report compare very unfavourably with those of the previous year. The Roll has dropped from 28 to 19 and the average attendance from 22 to 13. Further, of the 5 pupils presented for the Intermediate Examinations in 1913 the number who passed was 3, while of the 4 presented in 1914 none passed. In this connection it is only fair to state, however, that during the year the School was deprived, through death, of its Headmaster (Venerable Archdeacon Rennison, M.A.), who had been in failing health for some time previously. The system of Scholarships reported on last year, as having been established under the Amending Scheme, is still in operation.

Preston School, Abbeyleix.—We print *infra*, p. 31, the Report of the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector on this School. The number of boarders has been materially reduced, and the total roll is now only 20. The number presented for the Intermediate Examinations was 7, of whom 5 passed, the answering of one Senior Grade candidate being particularly creditable. These figures compare favourably with those of last year, when only 4 pupils were presented and 2 passed. The Preston Scholarship attached to this School, value £20 a year for two years, has been awarded to J. Harvey Bennett, Trinity College, Dublin. The Local School Authority has recently taken into its serious consideration the financial condition of the School, which for years has been far from satisfactory, with the result that some improvement may soon be anticipated.

Carysfort Endowment.—The number of Schools receiving grants from this Endowment still continues to be five, two being under Protestant and three under Roman Catholic management. The total sum available for educational purposes was £136, which we divided equally between the Schools under Protestant and those under Roman Catholic management. The National Board Inspectors classify the Aughrim and Mucklagh Schools as "Good" and the other three as "Fair." This estimate of the educational efficiency of the Schools is higher than that of last year, when one School was pronounced "Good" and four "Fair." We regret to report that the totally unsuitable premises at Mucklagh are still in use, the Manager having failed to secure a contractor to undertake the building of the new School within the financial limits fixed. An explanation of this failure will be found in the circumstances that the district is very isolated and the work a comparatively small one.

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The Leamy Endowment, Limerick.—During the year we distributed between the Leamy Local Boards of Education the sum of £220 4*s.* 1*d.* For particulars as to the efficiency and general condition of the Schools, see the report of the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector which is given *infra*, p. 31. The Leamy High School (Leamy Protestant Board) concluded its first year under its new Staff in June last, and is once again recognised by the Intermediate Education Board. Considering the difficulties of a first year, satisfactory work has been accomplished, much new equipment has been introduced, and promise is given of increased educational results in the near future

The Viscount Limerick Endowment, Dundalk.—Three Schools established their claim to share in this Endowment, namely:—St. Mary's College, Dundalk, for 15 pupils, the Educational Institution, Dundalk. for 15 pupils. and Christian Schools, Dundalk, for 3 pupils We divided the sum of £53 12*s.* 6*d.* amongst them in proportion to these numbers.

Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt.—The Trustees of this Endowment not being in a position to submit a plan for its application, we consulted the Manager of Eyrecourt National School, in accordance with Sec. 6 of Scheme No. 128, and, acting on his suggestion, we decided to continue the application of the funds in that School to a purpose similar to that adopted in preceding years, viz., the teaching of such technical subjects as Shirt-making, Knitting, Cookery, etc. The sum available was £15 1*s* 6*d.* The Report of the Organiser of Cookery and Laundry instruction, appointed by the Board of National Education, pronounces the work to be "good."

The Diocesan Schools and Banagher Royal School Endowments.—We paid the following sums as prizes to Junior Grade pupils in the various localities, on condition that the money should be applied towards the payment of the winners' school fees for the ensuing year:—£12 to pupils of Schools in the Dioceses of Leighlin and Ossory, £26 to pupils of Schools in the Dioceses of Meath and Ardagh, £28 to pupils of Schools in the Dioceses of Tuam, Killala, and Achonry, and £40 to pupils of Schools in King's County (Banagher Royal School District). We also paid a sum of £36 as grants towards the better equipment of the Intermediate Schools in this district.

With regard to the Banagher Endowment, Doctor P King Joyce, who was in receipt of an annuity of £60 out of its funds, died on December 22, 1914, and in future the money at our disposal for the promotion of Intermediate Education in King's County will be increased by the amount of the annuity

Lattone School (Anne Hall Endowment).—The portion of the income of this Endowment, applicable to Lattone School, continues to be devoted to the reduction of the debt incurred in repairing and enlarging the old schoolhouse The two schoolhouses are now in a very satisfactory state of repair. The report of the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector is printed, *infra*, page 31.

Limerick Diocesan School Endowment.—No expenditure was incurred in respect of this Endowment during the year, and on December 31st last the property in our possession, in addition to the School premises, consisted of £63 1*s.* 6*d.* Government Stock, £310 12*s.* 6*d.* Railway Stock, and £67 5*s.* 5*d.* cash, the income for the year being £35 15*s.* 7*d.*

ESTATE MANAGEMENT.

In Appendix B. IV., and V., pp. 22-23. we give Summaries of our Rentals for the year 1912-13, together with our Agents' Accounts for the corresponding periods

Rentals.—As compared with last year, the gross rental on the present occasion shows a decrease of £25 14*s.* 5*d.*, the figures being £1,823 7*s.* 2*d.* now, as against £1,849 1*s* 7*d.* in 1913. Carysfort Estate remains unchanged; Tyrone Estate Rental Proper is increased by £4 3*s.* 1*d.*—three slight reductions, the result of judicial fixtures, being more than counterbalanced by four new lettings of Spent Bog for agricultural purposes—and the Tyrone Estate Bog Rental, which varies from year to year, is diminished by the substantial sum of £29 17*s.* 6*d*

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Arrears.—The general condition of the arrears compares unfavourably with that of last year; the total sum outstanding having increased from £1,626 9*s.* 3*d.* to £1,629 4*s.* 4*d.* Taking the estates separately, Carysfort, at the date the account was rendered (May 1, 1914), showed that less than a year's rent had been collected, and that the former arrears of £20 11*s.* 8*d.* had risen to £35. The Agent attributes this increase to the prevalence of the Foot and Mouth Disease, which prevented the tenants from disposing of their stock, and it is only fair to add that within a month from the rendering of the accounts he had collected a sum of £31 15*s.* 0*d.* On the Tyrone Estate the net result is a decrease of £11 13*s* 3*d.* in the arrears—£5 10*s.* 6*d.* on the Rental Proper, and £6 2*s.* 9*d.* on the Bog Rental. That this is the sixth year in succession in which he has effected an improvement in the Rental Proper is to the Agent's credit, and that he has collected more than a year's rent in thirty cases, thereby reducing the arrears by £72 7*s.* 6*d.*, is further in his favour. But in fourteen cases, seven of which were already in arrears, absolutely no rent was paid, with the result that a good collection from some of the tenants is all but counterbalanced by a bad collection from others. The Agent, having been asked for an explanation as to why no rent was collected in respect of fourteen holdings, replied:—That three tenants, the sum of whose rents amounts to £19 15*s* 8*d.*, had paid since the returns were furnished: that five had promised to pay at an early date: that in the case of three holdings collection had been delayed owing to legal proceedings resulting from the marriage of the widow of the former tenant: that he had ejectments against two tenants: and that with another he hoped soon to come to terms.

The Bog Rental has been reduced from £124 17*s.* 0*d.* to £94 19*s.* 6*d.*, and the number of lettings from 265 to 229. It is pleasing to note that the arrears show an improvement of £6 2*s.* 9*d.*—£132 2*s.* 4*d.* being reduced to £125 19*s.* 7*d.*—but it should be observed that no rent was paid in respect of forty-four of the lettings.

As the result of an analysis of the Agent's returns we were not satisfied that he had fully carried out the instructions issued to him in July, 1913, as mentioned in our Report for that year. We have, accordingly, renewed those instructions, emphasising the necessity of their being strictly adhered to, and we hope that the adoption of this course will result in checking the growth of fresh arrears and in further improving the condition of the old arrears.

All which we have the honour to submit to Your Excellency as our Report in the premises.

Sealed with our Common Seal at a Meeting held this 14th day of April, 1915, and forwarded for submission to Your Excellency on the same date.

Present when the Seal was affixed—

P. J. BYRNE,
Chairman.

✠N. DONNELLY,
✠ROBERT BROWNE,
✠PATRICK McKENNA,
J. WALKER CRAIG,
JAMES H. STRONCE,
LOUIS C. PURSER,
} *Commissioners.*

STANISLAUS MURPHY,
Secretary.

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APPENDICES.

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APPENDIX A.

No I.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND, 1914.

I. Appointed by the Lord Lieutenant.

1. Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne.
2. Rev. J. W. R. Campbell, M.A.
3. Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly, Bishop of Canea.
4. Rev. J. M. Hamilton, M.A., D.D., *Chairman.*
5. Right Hon. Mr. Justice Molony, M.A., LL.B.
6. William J. O'Reilly, Esq., D.L., R.M.
7. Rev. J. Denham Osborne, M.A., D.D.
8. Louis Claude Purser, Esq., LITT.D., S.F.T.C.D.
9. Right Hon. W. J. M. Starkie, M.A., LITT.D., Resident Commissioner of National Education.
*10. R. Y. Tyrrell, Esq. LITT.D., S.F.T.C.D.

II. Elected by the Local Boards of Education.

11. Sir James H. Stronge, Bart., D.L., Armagh Protestant Board.
12. Very Rev. M. Canon Coyne, P.P., Armagh Roman Catholic Board.
13. Rev. W. R. W. Roberts, B.D., S.F.T.C.D., Cavan Protestant Board.
14. His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, Cavan Roman Catholic Board.
15. His Honor Judge Walker Craig, M.A., K.C., Recorder of Belfast, Donegal Protestant Board.
16. Very Rev. James C. MacGinley, D.D., Donegal Roman Catholic Board.
17. Charles F. Falls, M.A., Fermanagh Protestant Board.
18. Most Rev. Dr. McKenna, Bishop of Clogher, Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board.
19. His Honor Judge Todd, LL.D., K.C., Recorder of Derry, Tyrone Protestant Board.
20. Right Rev. Monsignor Byrne, P.P., V.G., Tyrone Roman Catholic Board, *Vice-Chairman.*

No. II.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

1. The Chairman } *ex-officio.*
2. The Vice-Chairman } *ex-officio.*
3. Judge Craig.
4. Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly.
5. Very Rev. Dean MacGinley.
6. Mr. O'Reilly.
7. Rev. Dr. Osborne.
8. Rev. Mr. Roberts.
9. Dr. Purser.
10. Dr. Starkie.

No III

STAFF

Secretary.

Stanislaus Murphy, LL.B., Barrister-at-Law

Clerk

† T. P. Craig.

Solicitor

James Robinson, Esq., 119 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

* Died September 19, 1914.
† Temporarily absent on Military Service.

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No. IV.

ATTENDANCE ROLL OF THE COMMISSIONERS, 1914.

Names of Commissioners.	Dates of Meetings.					Total
	January 22	March 12 Special	April 23	July 23	October 15	
Hamilton, Rev. Dr., *Chairman*	–	1	1	1	1	4
Byrne, Monsignor, *Vice-Chairman*	1	–	1	1	1	4
Browne, Most Rev. Dr.	1	–	1	1	1	4
Campbell, Rev Mr	–	–	–	1	–	1
Coyne, Rev. Canon	1	–	1	1	1	4
Craig, Judge	1	–	–	1	–	2
Donnelly, Most Rev. Dr.	–	–	–	–	1	1
Falls, C. F.	1	–	–	–	–	1
MacGinley, Very Rev. Dean	–	–	1	1	–	2
McKenna, Most Rev. Dr	1	–	1	1	1	4
Molony, Mr. Justice	–	–	–	–	1	1
O'Reilly, W. J.	1	–	1	1	1	4
Osborne, Rev. Dr	–	1	1	1	1	4
Purser, Dr.	1	1	–	1	–	3
Roberts, Rev. Mr	1	1	–	–	–	2
Starkie, Dr.	–	–	–	–	1	1
Stronge, Sir James	1	–	–	1	1	3
Todd, Judge	–	–	–	1	–	1
Tyrrell, Dr.	–	1	–	–	–	1
Walsh, Most Rev. Dr.		–	–	–	–	0

No. V.

ATTENDANCE ROLL OF STANDING COMMITTEE, 1914.

Members of Standing Committee.	Dates of Meetings.															Total
	January 15.	February 5.	February 19	March 5.	March 26	April 16.	May 14.	May 28.	June 18.	July 16.	September 10.	October 8	October 29.	November 19.	December 10	
Hamilton, Rev. Dr., *Chairman*	–	1	1	1	1	–	1	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	11
Byrne, Monsignor *Vice Chairman*	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	2
Craig, Judge	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Donnelly, Most Rev. Dr.	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	5
MacGinley, Very Rev. Dean	–	1	–	1	–	1	1	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	6
O'Reilly, W. J	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Osborne, Rev. Dr.	1	–	1	1	1	1	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
Purser, Dr.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15
Roberts, Rev. Mr	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Starkie, Dr	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1

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THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION

APPENDIX B.—

No. I.—SUMMARY OF

Dr. Made up to

Title of Account	—		
	£	s.	d.
To Armagh Royal School Endowment—Capital,	680	8	6
,, Armagh Estate Sale,	47	1	10
,, Armagh Protestant Board	115	10	0
,, Cavan Estate, Sale,	44	3	5
,, Cavan Protestant Board, Loan Account,	485	16	3
,, Donegal Estate, Sale,	11	5	4
,, Donegal Protestant Board,	25	1	2
,, Fermanagh Protestant Board—Income,	17	5	0
,, Fermanagh Protestant Board—Capital,	500	0	0
,, Dungannon Estate, Loan,	25	8	9
,, Fermanagh Estate, Sale,	107	10	11
,, Cappaloughlin Estate, Sale,	53	4	6
,, Ulster Bank,	1,401	12	1
,, Agents' Accounts,	802	17	4
,, Banagher Sale Account,	1	2	6
Total,	£4,318	7	7

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IN IRELAND, 6 GRAFTON STREET, DUBLIN.

ACCOUNTS.

CASH ACCOUNTS

December 31st, 1914. *Cr*

Title of Account	—		
	£	s	d.
By Armagh Royal School Endowment—Income,	473	1	2½
,, Cavan Royal School Endowment—Capital,	485	16	3
,, Cavan Royal School Endowment—Income,	128	19	6½
,, Cavan Roman Catholic Board,	36	14	11
,, Raphoe Royal School Endowment—Capital,	80	11	6
,, Raphoe Royal School Endowment—Income,	120	2	7
,, Enniskillen Royal School Endowment—Capital,	189	16	0
,, Enniskillen Royal School Endowment—Income,	506	15	3½
,, Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board—Capital,	500	0	0
,, Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board—Income,	28	17	8
,, Dungannon Royal School Endowment—Capital,	5	0	0
,, Dungannon Royal School Endowment—Income,	183	15	3½
,, Preston (Navan) Income,	239	12	10½
,, Preston (Queen's Co.) Income,	134	13	6
,, Leamy Endowment—Capital,	1	15	10
,, Leamy Endowment—Income,	124	13	0
,, Leamy Protestant Board—Capital,	2	18	0
,, Leamy Protestant Board—Income,	14	2	8
,, Banagher Royal School Endowment,	31	4	7½
,, Limerick Diocesan Endowment,	67	5	5
,, Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan Endowment,	4	19	1
,, Meath and Ardagh Diocesan Endowment,	11	6	1
,, Tuam, Killala, and Achonry Diocesan Endowment,	12	18	11
,, Athlone Private School,	2	1	0
,, Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt,	8	2	8
,, Reps R. Owen,	159	14	2
,, Preston School Scholarship, Abbeyleix,	26	12	4
,, Viscount Limerick Endowment	53	4	0
,, Carysfort Royal School Endowment,	53	14	10
,, Ulster Bank Loan,	570	0	0
,, Outstanding Orders,	59	18	4
Total,	£4,318	7	7

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COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION

No. II.—STOCK

Dr. Made up to

Description of Security	£	s	d
Government 2½ per Cent. Consolidated Stock:—			
To Commissioners of Education, "Account A,"	4,196	12	6
,, Do., do., (formerly collateral with Bank of Ireland),	2,000	0	0
,, Do., do., "Account B,"	164	2	10
,, Accountant-General, Credit of Commissioners and Great Southern Railway Company,	903	19	2
,, Bishop of Clonfert, and others, and Commissioners,	440	6	9
	7,705	1	3
To Canada 3 per cent. Stock,	498	16	2
Railway Debenture Stock, &c.—			
To Midland Great Western Railway 4 per cent. Debenture,	3,334	0	0
	3,334	0	0
Do., do. 4¼ per cent. Debenture,	821	0	0
	821	0	0
Do., do., 4 per cent. Rent Charge,	2,473	0	0
	2,473	0	0
To Great Southern and Western Railway 4 per cent. Guaranteed Preference Stock,	5,100	0	0
	5,100	0	0

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IN IRELAND, 6 GRAFTON STREET, DUBLIN.

MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT.

December 31st, 1914.

Title of Endowment Account &c	Cr. £	s.	d.
Government 2½ per Cent. Consolidated Stock:—			
By Cavan Roman Catholic Board,	2,607	11	3
,, Preston (Navan) Endowment,	3,514	11	4
,, Limerick Diocesan School,	63	1	6
,, Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt	11	8	5
,, Do. do.	440	6	9
,, Athlone Private School,	164	2	10
,, Preston General Endowment,	903	19	2
	7,705	1	3
,, Preston School, Navan,	498	16	2
Railway Debenture Stock, &c:—			
By Leamy Endowment,	3,169	0	0
,, Leamy Protestant Board,	139	0	0
,, Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board,	26	0	0
	3,334	0	0
,, Leamy Protestant Board,	500	0	0
,, Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt,	65	0	0
,, Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan School,	46	0	0
,, Meath and Ardagh do. do.	103	0	0
,, Tuam, Killala, and Achonry do. do.	107	0	0
	821	0	0
,, Leamy Endowment,	656	0	0
,, Enniskillen Royal School Endowment,	1,417	0	0
,, Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board,	400	0	0
	2,473	0	0
,, Cavan Royal School Endowment,	1,100	0	0
,, Carysfort Royal School Endowment,	1,057	11	3
,, Preston (Queen's County) Endowment,	2,798	14	11
,, Tuam, Killala, and Achonry Endowment,	114	18	5
,, Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt,	28	15	5
	5,100	0	0

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Dr. No. II.—STOCK

Description of Security.	— £	s.	d
Railway Debenture Stock, &c.—			
To Great Southern and Western Railway 4 per cent. Debenture,	3,611	0	0
	3,611	0	0
To Dublin and South Eastern Railway New Consolidated (A.) 4 per cent. Debenture,	954	0	0
	954	0	0
„ Cork and Macroom 4 per cent. Debenture,	1,000	0	0
„ Midland Railway Company 2½ per cent. Debenture (Donegal Conversion),	900	0	0
	900	0	0
To Great Northern Railway 4 per cent. Debenture,	2,447	0	0
	2,447	0	0
„ Great Northern Railway 4 per cent. Guaranteed Stock,	600	0	0
„ Cork, Bandon and South Coast Railway 4 per cent. Debenture,	2,667	0	0
	2,667	0	0
„ Great Western Railway 5 per cent. Preference Stock,	300	0	0
	300	0	0

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MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT—*continued.* *Cr.*

Title of Endowment Account, &c.	— £	s.	d.
Railway Debenture Stock, &c.—			
By Leamy Endowment,	1,250	0	0
,, Viscount Limerick Endowment,	22	0	0
,, Cavan Royal School Endowment,	1,245	7	5
,, Raphoe Royal School Endowment,	132	0	0
,, Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan Endowment,	267	7	9
,, Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board,	199	0	0
,, Tuam, Killala, and Achonry,	487	4	10
,, Dunganuon Royal School Endowment,	8	0	0
	3,611	0	0
,, Leamy Endowment,	741	0	0
,, Raphoe Royal School Endowment,	213	0	0
	954	0	0
,, Raphoe Royal School Endowment,	1,000	0	0
,, Raphoe Royal School Endowment,	414	0	0
,, Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board,	264	0	0
,, Carysfort School Endowment,	72	0	0
,, Leighlin and Ossory Endowment,	34	0	0
,, Meath and Ardagh Endowment,	36	0	0
,, Tuam, Killala, and Achonry Endowment,	80	0	0
	900	0	0
,, Enniskillen Royal School Endowment	2,300	0	0
,, Viscount Limerick Endowment,	147	0	0
	2,447	0	0
,, Meath and Ardagh Diocesan Endowment,	600	0	0
,, Raphoe Royal School Endowment,	1,687	0	0
,, Enniskillen Royal School Endowment,	980	0	0
	2,667	0	0
,, Limerick Diocesan School,	179	13	11
,, Banagher Royal School,	43	2	7
,, Tuam Killala, and Achonry Diocesan Endowment,	28	15	0
,, Meath and Ardagh Diocesan Endowment,	25	3	2
,, Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan Endowment,	9	6	10
,, Dunganuon Royal School Endowment,	7	7	2
,, Preston School Scholarship,	6	11	4
	300	0	0

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Dr. No. II.—STOCK

Description of Security	—		
	£	s.	d.
To Great Southern and Western 4 per cent. Preference Stock, . .	250	0	0
	250	0	0
To Guaranteed Land Stock, ...	39,328	18	4
, Do. do (Guarantee Deposits), . .	244	0	0
	39,572	18	4
Bank of Ireland Stock, ...	313	5	3
	313	5	3

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MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT—*continued*, *Cr.*

TITLE OF ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT, &c.	—		
	£	s	d
By Dungannon Royal School Endowment,	9	14	10
,, Preston General Endowment,	10	6	2
,, Preston School Scholarship,	49	10	8
,, Limerick Diocesan School,	130	18	7
,, Tuam, Killala and Achonry Diocesan Endowment,	23	14	3
,, Meath and Ardagh Diocesan Endowment,	18	11	2
,, Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan Endowment,	7	4	4
	250	0	0
By Cavan Estate Sale,	7,674	18	6
,, Donegal Estate Sale,	1,909	0	0
,, Fermanagh Estate Sale,	29,744	19	10
,, Raphoe Royal School Endowment,	14	0	0
,, Cavan Royal School Endowment,	37	0	0
,, Enniskillen Royal School Endowment.	193	0	0
	39,572	18	4
,, Preston School Scholarship, Abbeyleix,	209	14	4
,, Preston General Account,	4	18	10
,, Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board,	35	9	5
,, Meath and Ardagh Diocesan Endowment,	3	9	5
,, Tuam, Killala, and Achonry Diocesan Endowment,	14	19	1
,, Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt,	8	8	11
,, Banagher Royal School,	36	5	3
	313	5	3

Examined and certified to be correct.

EDWARD P. McCARRON,
Local Government Auditor,

29th March, 1915

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APPENDIX B.—

No III.—RECEIPTS AND

1 (*a.*)—THE ULSTER ROYAL

DR. CHARGE

Name of Endowment.	Credit Balances, Dec. 31, 1913.	RECEIPTS. Rents	Dividends.	Other Payments.	Total Receipts	Debit Balances, Dec. 31, 1914.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Armagh Royal School	465 13 7½	235 1 10	800 8 5	3 6 7	1,038 16 10	—	1,504 10 5½
Cavan Royal School	128 18 2½	—	300 3 10	26 14 0	326 17 10	—	455 16 0½
Raphoe Royal School	97 1 4	74 12 6	176 10 5	8 6 3	259 9 2	—	356 10 6
Enniskillen Royal School	508 3 6½	78 0 0	999 11 1	27 1 11	1,104 13 0	-	1,612 16 6½
Dungannon Royal School	218 0 7	1,793 12 6½	1 0 4	10 4 8	1,804 17 6½	—	2,022 18 1½
Total	1,417 17 3½	2,181 6 10½	2,277 14 1	75 13 5	4,534 14 4½	—	5,952 11 8

1 (*b.*)—THE ULSTER LOCAL

DR. CHARGE

Name of Local Board.	Credit Balances, Dec. 31, 1913.	RECEIPTS. Distributive Share of Endowment.	Dividends, &c., on Building Funds, &c.	Other Receipts.	Total Receipts.	Debit Balances, Dec. 31, 1914.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Armagh Protestant	—	415 0 0	—	—	415 0 0	115 10 0	530 10 0
Armagh Roman Catholic	—	415 0 0	—	—	415 0 0	—	415 0 0
Cavan Protestant	—	127 10 0	—	—	127 10 0	—	127 10 0
Cavan Roman Catholic	34 17 10	127 10 0	63 5 10	4 2 11	194 18 9	—	229 16 7
Donegal Protestant	—	110 10 0	—	11 8 10	121 18 10	25 1 2	147 0 0
Donegal Roman Catholic	—	110 10 0	—	—	110 10 0	—	110 10 0
Fermanagh Protestant	—	472 0 0	—	1 0 0	473 0 0	17 5 0	490 5 0
Fermanagh Roman Catholic	28 19 5	472 0 0	53 0 7	2 7 11	527 8 6	—	556 7 11
Tyrone Protestant	—	609 0 0	—	—	609 0 0	—	609 0 0
Tyrone Roman Catholic	—	609 0 0	—	—	609 0 0	—	609 0 0
Total	63 17 3	3,468 0 0	116 6 5	18 19 8	3,603 6 1	157 16 2	3,824 19 6

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ACCOUNTS.

EXPENDITURE, 1914.

SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS

DISCHARGE — CR

Debit Balances, Dec. 31, 1913.	EXPENDITURE. On Estate Management, &c. Rents, Taxes, &c.	Agency Charges, and other Payments.	Retired Masters' Annuities	Amount Distributed between Local Boards.	Total Expenditure.	Credit Balances, Dec. 31, 1914.	Total.	Name of Endowment
£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	
—	81 4 9	25 4 6	95 0 0	830 0 0	1,031 9 3	473 1 2½	1,504 10 5½	Armagh Royal School
—	—	5 3 2	66 13 4	255 0 0	326 16 6	128 19 6½	455 16 0½	Cavan Royal School.
—	2 0 7	13 7 4	—	221 0 0	236 7 11	120 2 7	356 10 6	Raphoe Royal School.
—	7 17 10	32 3 5	122 0 0	944 0 0	1,106 1 3	506 15 3½	1,612 16 6½	Enniskillen Royal School.
—	87 13 2	477 9 8	56 0 0	1,218 0 0	1,839 2 10	183 15 3½	2,022 18 1½	Dungannon Royal School.
—	178 16 4	553 8 1	339 13 4	3,468 0 0	4,539 17 9	1,412 13 11	5,952 11 8	Total.

BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

DISCHARGE — CR

Debit Balances, Dec. 31, 1913.	CREDITS. Rent, &c., due by Local Boards.	Income of Building Funds, &c., paid.	Net Amount of Share of Endowment.	Total Credits.	Credit Balances, December 31, 1914.	Total.	Name of Local Board
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d	£ s. d.	£ s d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d	
115 10 0	231 0 0	—	184 0 0	415 0 0	—	530 10 0	Armagh Protestant.
—	—	—	415 0 0	415 0 0	—	415 0 0	Armagh Roman Catholic.
—	—	—	127 10 0	127 10 0	—	127 10 0	Cavan Protestant.
—	—	65 11 8	127 10 0	193 1 8	36 14 11	229 16 7	Cavan Roman Catholic.
25 1 2	63 0 0	—	58 18 10	121 18 10	—	147 0 0	Donegal Protestant.
—	—	—	110 10 0	110 10 0	—	110 10 0	Donegal Roman Catholic.
17 5 0	28 5 0	—	444 15 0	473 0 0	—	490 5 0	Fermanagh Protestant.
—	—	55 10 3	472 0 0	527 10 3	28 17 8	556 7 11	Fermanagh Roman Catholic
—	—	—	609 0 0	609 0 0	—	609 0 0	Tyrone Protestant.
—	—	—	609 0 0	609 0 0	—	609 0 0	Tyrone Roman Catholic
157 16 2	322 5 0	121 1 11	3,158 3 10	3,601 10 9	65 12 7	3,824 19 6	Total

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APPENDIX B.—

No. III.—RECEIPTS AND

2.—OTHER ROYAL SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE ENDOWMENTS

DR CHARGE

Name of Endowment.	Credit Balances, Dec 31, 1913	RECEIPTS. Rents	Dividends	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Debit Balances, Dec. 31, 1914	Total
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s d.	£ s d.	£ s d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d
Banagher Royal School	44 12 7½	—	125 11 6	0 3 4	125 14 10	—	170 7 5½
Carysfort Royal School	51 3 9	131 5 9	41 9 9	3 5 11	176 1 5	—	227 5 2
Athlone Private School	2 1 0	—	4 2 0	—	4 2 0	—	6 3 0
Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt	7 16 1	4 12 4	15 8 11	0 5 9	20 7 0	—	28 3 1
Leamy Endowment, Limerick	125 6 7	—	218 12 8	16 0 3	234 12 11	—	359 19 6
Leamy Protestant Board of Education	14 4 4	—	25 3 5	1 11 7	26 15 0	—	40 19 4
Preston Endowment (General)	—	4 12 8	699 16 10	2 15 10	707 5 4	—	707 5 4
Preston School, Navan	55 1 4½	—	99 6 9	6 11 0	105 17 9	—	160 19 1½
Preston, Queen's County, Endowment.	4 15 4	—	105 6 1	6 17 1	112 3 2	—	116 18 6
Preston Scholarship	3 2 4	—	21 17 11	1 12 11	23 10 10	—	26 13 2
Viscount Limerick Endowment, Dundalk	30 12 5	69 4 6	6 7 0	0 14 8	76 6 2	—	106 18 7
Meath and Ardagh Diocesan School Fund	5 12 3	—	29 13 11	2 0 2	31 14 1	—	37 7 4
Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan School Fund.	2 12 1	—	13 8 7	0 18 10	14 7 5	—	16 19 6
Limerick Diocesan School Fund	31 9 10	20 0 0	14 17 6	0 18 1	35 15 7	—	67 5 5
Tuam, &c., Diocesan School Fund	6 8 10	—	32 8 10	2 2 6	34 11 4	—	41 0 2
Totals	384 19 10	229 15 3	1,453 11 8	45 17 11	1,729 4 10	—	2,114 4 8

No IV.—SUMMARY RENTAL FOR YEAR TO SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER, 1913.

RENTALS, 1913.

Name of Estate.	Arrears, 1912.	Rent, 1913.	Total.	Collected, 1913.	Arrears, 1913
	£ s. d.	£ s d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s d
Tyrone	1,473 15 3	1,603 13 5	3,077 8 8	1,609 3 11	1,468 4 9
Tyrone Bog	132 2 4	94 19 6	227 1 10	101 2 3	125 19 7
Carysfort	20 11 8	124 14 3	145 5 11	110 5 11	35 0 0
Totals	1,626 9 3	1,823 7 2	3,449 16 5	1,820 12 1	1,629 4 4

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ACCOUNTS.

EXPENDITURE—(*continued*).

AND THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL FUNDS.

DISCHARGE. Cr.

Debit Balances, Dec. 31, 1913.	EXPENDITURE. On Estate, &c. Rents, &c.	EXPENDITURE. On Estate, &c. Other Expenditure.	EXPENDITURE. Educational.	EXPENDITURE. Total Expenditure.	Credit Balances, Dec. 31, 1914.	Total.	Name of Endowment.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
—	2 19 2	*60 3 8	76 0 0	139 2 10	31 4 7½	170 7 5½	Banagher Royal School.
—	4 0 6	33 9 10	136 0 0	173 10 4	53 14 10	227 5 2	Carysfort Royal School.
—	—	—	4 2 0	4 2 0	2 1 0	6 3 0	Athlone Private School.
—	4 18 1	0 0 10	15 1 6	20 0 5	8 2 8	28 3 1	Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt.
—	40 0 0	0 9 1	194 17 5	235 6 6	124 13 0	359 19 6	Leamy Endowment, Limerick.
—	—	1 10 0	25 6 8	26 16 8	14 2 8	40 19 4	Leamy Protestant Board of Education
—	79 6 8	2 11 7	625 7 1	707 5 4	—	707 5 4	Preston Endowment (General).
—	—	—	103 9 9	103 9 9	57 9 4½	160 19 1½	Preston School, Navan.
—	—	2 18 0	109 9 6	112 7 6	4 11 0	116 18 6	Preston, Queen's County, Endowment.
—	—	0 0 10	—	0 0 10	26 12 4	26 13 2	Preston Scholarship.
—	—	0 2 1	53 12 6	53 14 7	53 4 0	106 18 7	Viscount Limerick Endowment, Dundalk.
—	—	0 1 3	26 0 0	26 1 3	11 6 1	37 7 4	Meath and Ardagh Diocesan School Fund.
—	—	0 0 5	12 0 0	12 0 5	4 19 1	16 19 6	Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan School Fund
—	—	—	—	—	67 5 5	67 5 5	Limerick Diocesan School Fund.
—	—	0 1 3	28 0 0	28 1 3	12 18 11	41 0 2	Tuam, &c., Diocesan School Fund.
—	131 4 5	101 8 10	1,409 6 5	1,641 19 8	472 5 0	2,114 4 8	Totals.

* Including £60, retiring annuity of late Head Master.

No. V.—SUMMARY OF AGENTS' ACCOUNTS, MAY, 1913, TO MAY, 1914.

Name of Estate.	Balance, 1913.	Receipts, 1913–14	Total.	Outgoings, 1913–14.	Lodged, 1913–14.	Balance, 1914.
	£ s d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s d.	£ s. d
Tyrone	124 17 4	1,710 6 2	1,835 3 6	548 11 4	1,250 0 0	36 12 2
Carysfort	Nil.	116 5 11	116 5 11	31 17 11	84 8 0	Nil.
Total	124 17 4	1,826 12 1	1 951 9 5	580 9 3	1,334 8 0	36 12 2

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REPORT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,
DUBLIN, *30th March*, 1915.

No 17,645/1915.
Educational Endowments.
Scheme No. 34.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward, herewith, for the information of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, a copy of the Report of the Auditor on his audit of their accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1914, together with attested abstracts of the accounts.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,
Secretary.

To The Secretary,
Commissioners of Education in Ireland,
6 Grafton Street, Dublin.

Copy. No. 17,645/1915.
Educational Endowments.
Scheme No 34

17, FAIRFIELD PARK,
RATHGAR, *29th March*, 1915.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland for the year ended 31st December, 1914, under the provisions of the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885.

The investments remained unchanged. During the year, the Commissioners successfully negotiated the purchase of the Head Rent of the Armagh Estate, £30 13*s* 4*d*. The Purchase Price, including Solicitor's Costs, was £603 8*s* 11*d*. Pending the receipt from the Irish Land Commission of the proceeds of the sale of the Estate, the Commissioners in order to pay for the redeemed Head Rent, obtained an advance from their Bankers on favourable terms. They deposited as security their £1,000 Stock of the Cork and Macroom Railway.

The Arrears shewn as due by Tenants are of about equal amount with those of the previous year. The Commissioners have persevered in their efforts towards having the arrears reduced.

The Accounts of the Year were kept with care and accuracy.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD P. M'CARRON,
Auditor.

The Local Government Board, Dublin.

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APPENDIX C.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND.

INSPECTION, 1913-1914.

I.

GENERAL REPORT

With regard to the INSPECTION for the YEAR 1913–1914 of the SCHOOLS selected by the Local Boards of Education to share in the

ULSTER ROYAL SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS.

As Inspector appointed by His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for the school year 1913–1914, I made my Inspection of these Schools in September, 1914. The number of such schools on the present occasion is similar to that of last year, viz., twelve, the Fermanagh Protestant Board having again "selected" the Ladies' Collegiate School, Enniskillen, in addition to Enniskillen Royal School.

The subjoined Table shows the accommodation of the Schools and the numbers on their Rolls respectively:—

NAME OF SCHOOL	* No of Pupils which the School can accommodate.			No of Pupils on Roll, 1913–14				
				Boarders		Day Pupils		Total.
	Boarders	Day Pupils	Total	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Royal School, Armagh,	100	100	200	43	–	26	–	69
St. Patrick's College, Armagh,	60	16	76	36	–	10	–	46
Royal School, Cavan	40	40	80	–	–	22	–	22†
St. Patrick's College, Cavan	90	50	140	58	–	20	–	78
Royal School, Raphoe.	40	100	140	8	–	11	14	33
St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny,	80	20	100	55	–	13	–	68
Royal School, Enniskillen,	100	50	150	45	–	14	–	59
Ladies' Collegiate School, Enniskillen,	–	50	50	–	–	9	30	39
St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan	100	20	120	68	–	–	–	68
St. Michael's College, Enniskillen,	–	50	50	–	–	36	–	36
Royal School, Dungannon	60	140	200	27	10	37	52	126
St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon,	–	130	130	–	–	18	24	42
Totals,	670	766	1,436	340	10	216	120	686

The success of the Schools, as measured by the results obtained in the recent Intermediate Examinations, is set forth in the following Table:—

NAME OF SCHOOL.	No of Pupils on Intermediate School Roll	Number presented for Intermediate Examinations		Number who passed		Percentage of Passes to Intermediate School Roll	Percentage of Passes to number presented for examination
		Male	Female	Male	Female		
Royal School, Armagh,	46	42	–	29	–	63·0	69·0
St. Patrick's College, Armagh,	37	33	–	25	–	67·5	75·7
Royal School, Cavan,	8	6	–	4	–	50·0	66·6
St. Patrick's College, Cavan,	57	46	–	37	–	64·9	80·4
Royal School, Raphoe,	17	7	5	–	–	–	–
St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny,	57	53	–	38	–	66·6	71·6
Royal School, Enniskillen,	39	34	–	26	–	66·6	76·4
Ladies' Collegiate School, Enniskillen,	6	–	5	–	5	83·3	100
St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan	59	59	–	41	–	69·4	69·4
St. Michael's College, Enniskillen,	24	21	–	10	–	41·6	47·6
Royal School, Dungannon,	52	29	13	18	8	50·0	61·9
St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon,	31	9	21	6	14	64·5	66·6
General Result,	433	339	44	234	27	60·2	68·1

* Those numbers are, of course, only approximate.
† There were, in addition, three boarders for a portion of the year.

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School Rolls.—Once again a substantial reduction in the total number of pupils on the rolls has to be recorded, the figures for the year just closed being 686 as compared with 714 for the previous year. This is a substantial reduction and, further, this is the fourth consecutive year in which a diminution has taken place, the total drop for the four years amounting to no less a number than 134, or to 16·3 per cent of the roll registered in 1909-10. For this persistent reduction it is difficult to account, although some Headmasters seem to think that last year's rolls, at least, were adversely affected by the political unrest prevalent in the North of Ireland. Be this as it may, the continued shrinkage constitutes a serious situation for the large boarding schools, and one which is not likely to be improved by the present unfortunate war.

If the figures for the past year be analysed it will be found that the number of boarders is reduced by 18 and the number of day pupils by 10; while, if we distinguish between the sexes, the boys' roll is less by 38, and the girls' greater by 10. Strangely enough, exactly half the number of schools (*i.e.*, six) can boast of increased rolls, but unfortunately those increases are in all cases insignificant and are more than counteracted by the decreases, for the most part substantial, which have taken place in the other six schools. The most remarkable of those latter are:—St. Eunan's, Letterkenny, 14; Royal School, Enniskillen, 11; and St. Macarten's, Monaghan, 8.

Notwithstanding the fact that the gross roll of the schools has been reduced by 28, the total Intermediate roll—that is, those available for the Intermediate Examinations—shows a decrease of only 4, viz., 433 instead of 437. This fact would tend to suggest that the various schools are now more fully discharging their mission as Intermediate Schools. Of the 433 possible candidates, 383 were presented for examination, that is, 88 per cent. One school (St. Macarten's, Monaghan) sent forward its total possible number, and two other schools approximated very closely to this fine performance; but making due allowance for the backward condition of some of the junior pupils, especially as regards languages, we can scarcely expect a higher general percentage than that recorded on the present occasion. It is one per cent higher than that of last year, and, in my experience, it has been only once excelled.

Educational Efficiency.—Tested by the results of the recent Intermediate Examinations, the schools taken as a whole, have done well. The successful candidates number 261 out of 383 presented for examination, that is, the percentage of "Passes" is 68 as compared with 60 last year. This is a substantial improvement, but then it is to be borne in mind that the general results for the county as a whole also show improvement, although not to the same extent, the general percentage being 59 now, as against 55 in 1913. Accordingly the schools selected to share in the Endowments still maintain a higher percentage of "Passes," and on the present occasion their superiority in this respect is represented by a percentage of 9 as compared with one of 5 last year. Taking the sexes separately in our particular schools, the boys have done much better than the girls, the percentage of "Passes" being 69 and 61 respectively. On the other hand, in the general results for the whole of Ireland the girls have shown themselves superior, their percentage of "Passes" being 60·8, while that of the boys is 58·5.

Of the twelve selected schools no less than seven can boast improved results. Further, whether judged by high percentages, by the number of subjects taken, or by the few failures in individual papers, those results are of an eminently satisfactory character. In this connection special mention should be made of Armagh Royal School, St. Patrick's College, Cavan, St. Eunan's, Letterkenny, Royal School, Enniskillen, Ladies' Collegiate School, Enniskillen, and St. Macarten's, Monaghan, all of which include at least three languages, in addition to English, in their curricula, while their percentages of successful candidates range from 69 to 100. Of the remaining five schools, one has just maintained its previous position, three have suffered partial reverses, and one has failed very badly. To this last, viz., Raphoe Royal School, further reference will be made under the head "Qualified Schools."

A close analysis of the results obtained by the various schools goes to show that the vast majority of the failures this year occurred in the Junior Grade, and were the result of weakness in languages. This is scarcely surprising when one considers that many of the Junior Grade candidates have but one year's preparation in those subjects. English and Arithmetic and Algebra, weak last year, were this year particularly strong, except in one school where there were wholesale failures in the latter subject.

Buildings, Equipment, etc.—The following statement, made last year, is equally true on the present occasion:—"The buildings, taken as a whole, are now in very fair condition, and the teaching appliances and equipment—if we except some of the desks, which are almost relics—are sufficient and suitable. . . Generally, the liability for the upkeep of the Royal Schools is fairly discharged; but in the case of Cavan some expenditure has now become urgent."

In Armagh, Raphoe and Dungannon Royal Schools much effective painting has been done, and, in addition, a dormitory of the last named school has been much improved by the removal of cumbersome cubicles. A similar improvement has been carried out at St. Macarten's, Monaghan. A dormitory has been wainscotted in Enniskillen Royal School, and the interior of St. Patrick's, Armagh, has been brightened and refreshed.

In connection with the premises the following points were noted:—

Armagh Royal School.—A gloomy classroom would be much brightened by the removal of some trees.

Cavan Royal School.—The roof, hall door, and defective gable need attention.

Raphoe Royal School.—The roof of gymnasium is slightly defective.

St. Eunan's, Letterkenny.—Ventilation of out-door sanitary arrangements is neglected.

Enniskillen Royal School.—Several damp spots still point to a defective roof.

St. Macarten's, Monaghan.—Flushing of outdoor w.c.'s leaves something to be desired, and corridor of west wing is damp.

St. Michael's, Enniskillen.—Ceiling outside small schoolroom needs attention.

St. Patrick's, Dungannon.—The grounds surrounding the school still present a very neglected appearance.

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Health, &c.—Scarlatina broke out in one of the schools, and the infirmary had to be requisitioned. Happily, however, the attack did not spread and was quickly stamped out. Another school suffered slightly from Chicken Pox; otherwise the schools generally present a clean bill of health. For the most part the attendance was good, but the female pupils of Raphoe Royal School and Ladies' Collegiate School, Enniskillen, left something to be desired in this respect. In nine of the twelve schools instruction in drill is being regularly given; it is hoped that the remaining three will soon make provision for this important subject. Discipline is uniformly well maintained.

Free Places.—All the schools provided free education for at least two pupils. The competition was, however, in many cases far from keen. In one school there was no applicant, and in three schools the number of applicants was less than, or only equal to, the number of places offered. On the other hand, the proportion of candidates to places was large in the following schools:—St. Patrick's, Cavan; St. Eunan's, Letterkenny, St. Macarten's, Monaghan; and Royal School, Dungannon.

Local Boards.—The Various Boards have efficiently discharged their duties under the Scheme, and their records are accurately kept. The attendance of lay members—frequently a weak spot with some of the Boards—has improved.

Schedule I., Qualified Schools.—The following three schools have failed to "qualify" on the grounds stated:—

1. *Ladies' Collegiate School, Enniskillen.*—There were only sixteen pupils within the prescribed ages; the Scheme requires twenty. Only five pupils "passed" the recent Intermediate Examinations: the Scheme requires seven.

2. *Cavan Royal School.*—There were only sixteen pupils within the prescribed ages, and only four "passed" the recent Intermediate Examinations. As stated above, the numbers required are 20 and 7 respectively.

3. *Raphoe Royal School.*—Not a single pupil passed the Intermediate Examination this year; the minimum number required by the Scheme is seven.

The Enniskillen School has never yet qualified, but the cases of Cavan and Raphoe are very different. In my experience, extending now over a period of twelve years, Cavan has never failed before, and Raphoe only once, viz., in 1910-11. Further, Cavan suffered a set back just at the beginning of the school year, when the late Headmaster left, and most of the boarders failed to return. However, things are now righting themselves, the roll has increased, the Junior Grade class is certainly above the average in intelligence, the new Headmaster is energetic, and I have little doubt that the school will soon regain its former position. With regard to Raphoe, the present Headmaster had in the previous two years raised the percentage of "passes" from 26 to 69. This year's reverse is, I believe, only temporary, it having been brought about mainly by weakness in one subject (Arithmetic and Algebra) to which additional attention is now being paid.

Under the circumstances I would respectfully suggest that the Commissioners should exercise the discretion vested in them under the First Schedule of the Scheme in favour of Cavan and Raphoe Royal Schools, and dispense with the conditions which those schools have failed to fulfil during the past year.

Certificates.—With the exception of the three schools above referred to, I am satisfied that all the necessary conditions have been fulfilled, and I beg to report the compliance by each of the other nine schools with the requirements of the Scheme in respect of the school year ended August 1st, 1914.

The matters which call for attention, and to which I have alluded above, will be made the subject of further reference in my detailed Report to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

STANISLAUS MURPHY,

Inspector.

October 5th, 1914.

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INSPECTION.

II.

Detailed Report of the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector.

Armagh Protestant Board of Education.—The Board met six times, and if we except one of the Governors appointed by the Diocesan Council, the attendance, both of representative and co-opted members, was good. During the year a sum of £102 was locally subscribed towards the Maintenance Fund, and some very effective colouring has been done to the staircase leading to the lower classrooms. The condition of the premises generally, is now very fair. The removal of some trees would considerably brighten one of the classrooms—generally used by the headmaster—it is now distinctly dark, and when funds permit, the dining hall should be coloured. The records of the Board are admirably kept, all information being forthcoming at a moment's notice.

Armagh Royal School.—The number of day boys has increased by 5, and the total roll shows a similar increase—69 taking the place of 64. The Intermediate results are very satisfactory, the percentage of Passes having risen from 44 to 69, which contrasts very favourably with the 12 per cent. drop (from 56 to 44) chronicled last year. On that occasion, marked weakness was betrayed in Latin and English, but things have now quite altered, if we except the Lower Form of the Junior Grade, where one naturally expects to find weakness in languages. But even here, 66 per cent. passed in French. It may be mentioned, that, of the 30 pupils presented in the Senior, Middle and Advanced Form, Junior Grades, only one failed in English. Mathematics were uniformly good, and speaking generally, the College Staff have every reason to be satisfied with the results of the year's work.

Armagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.—At the five meetings held during the year the attendance of members was uniformly good. The provisions of the Scheme are being observed, and the Minutes and Accounts are well kept. It is noted with pleasure that the Local Board (which is a corporate body) is being used as a means for vesting Diocesan property. This course might be adopted advantageously by other Diocesan authorities.

St. Patrick's College, Armagh.—The School roll is slightly increased—46 instead of 44. The Intermediate results are still distinctly satisfactory, the percentage of Passes being 75·7, but not quite so good as last year, when the high-water mark of 82 per cent. was reached. Seventy-five per cent. of the failures occurred in the Junior Grade, where languages were the fatal subjects. Last year, languages, with the exception of Irish, were particularly strong, while on this occasion, Irish appears to have improved its position at the expense of the other languages. French and Drawing are taught as required by the Scheme. The wing comprising the large dormitory and study hall, in which such persistent signs of dampness appeared is now being radically treated, and it is hoped that a satisfactory result will be obtained. Much painting has been done through the house during the year. Everything is in good order.

Cavan Protestant Board of Education.—Some changes have taken place in the personnel of this Board, the Rev. Mr. Cronhelm and Rev. Mr. McElfatrick being new members. Seven meetings were held, and the attendance of the clerical representatives was very good. That the residents of Cavan are interested in the School is proved by the fact that they have guaranteed eight scholarships of eight guineas each for two years. Their public spirit has had its reward, the intelligence of the present pupils being, in my opinion, much above the average. But something should now be done for the premises. The defective gable has not yet been seen to; plaster has fallen from one of the indoor walls, and the hall door and roof sadly need attention.

Cavan Royal School.—The new headmaster has had a trying year, as, except for a very short period, he had no boarders, and the roll of day boys was reduced to 22. With the beginning of the present term, things have improved not only in quantity but in quality, and judging by the spirit and intelligence which came under my notice I shall be surprised if the School does not accomplish a very successful year's work. Of the eight available for the recent Intermediate Examination six were presented, and four passed, while of the latter not a single one failed in any subject in which he was examined. I regret to report that the School has failed to qualify in the following,—(1) 7 "Passes" are required—there were only 4; (2) 20 pupils within the ages of 12 and 19 should have put in 100 attendances during the school year. There were only 16 within the prescribed ages, and only 14 of these had the necessary number of attendances. I think it is safe to anticipate that the School will make good all these deficiencies during the coming year.

Cavan Roman Catholic Board of Education.—Statutory meetings have been held, the attendances being good on the whole.* The provisions of the Scheme have been duly observed. It is noted with pleasure that the candidates for Free Places are above the average both in numbers and in material. Three of them made a favourable impression during a brief examination of the Preparatory Grade.

St. Patrick's College, Cavan.—The roll is slightly larger than that of last year (78 instead of 76), a reduction of 7 day boys being more than made good by an increase of 9 boarders. The percentage of Passes practically reaches the high level of last year (80·4 instead of 81·8), and that, too, although a more extensive number was submitted to examination—80 per cent. of the Senior Grade passed, 66 per cent. of the Middle, and 91 per cent. of the Junior. Were it not for some English failures in the Middle Grade those fine results would be even better, and the following satisfactory points may be noted:—(*a*) Of 42 pupils presented in Greek, only one failed; (*b*) there were only two failures in Latin, Irish and Geometry, and three in Arithmetic and Algebra, the number presented in these subjects being 46. French is no longer taught as an Intermediate subject—Latin, Greek and Irish being the languages taken—but instruction is given in accordance with the requirements of the Scheme. The house is in good order and well furnished, the latest addition being equipment for an outdoor gymnasium.

* One lay member, however, failed to put in the requisite number of attendances.

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Donegal Protestant Board of Education.—Two members attended none of the five meetings held during the year, but the majority of the Board, as in past years, devoted much time and attention to the interests of the School. Much painting has been done, and the premises generally are in very good condition. One small point, however, may be mentioned, namely, what appears to be a defect near the glass portion of roof of the gymnasium. It is a pity that there are not more candidates for the Free places offered under the Scheme.

Raphoe Royal School.—The School roll is slightly larger than that of the previous year (33 instead of 31), but I regret to say, that judged by the Intermediate results there has been a collapse in one branch of the educational work of the School. This is all the more surprising seeing that the results for the past two years under the present headmaster were so satisfactory—a percentage of 26 in 1911 having risen to 54 in 1912, and to 69 in 1913. This year out of 12 pupils presented not a single one passed. For this it is difficult to account, but it is only fair to say:—(1) That, as far as I am competent to judge, the teaching is thorough; (2) that this opinion is confirmed by the report of the Inspectors of the Intermediate Board; (3) that the majority of the present pupils are not bright. German, Latin and French were good, English showed weakness, and there was a hopeless breakdown in Algebra and Arithmetic. A system of drill has now been introduced for the boarders.

Donegal Roman Catholic Board of Education.—Little business devolves on this Board, but such as it is, it is faithfully discharged, and the provisions of the Scheme have been duly fulfilled. As for years past the attendance of clerical members at the Statutory meetings is satisfactory, but that of some of the lay members leaves much to be desired; disqualification has occurred in the case of one lay member owing to defective attendance. Dean McGlynn having recently resigned the Secretaryship, the duties of that office have been undertaken by Rev. J. McCafferty, Adm.

St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny.—The School roll has fallen from 82 to 68, but the percentage of Passes has risen from 59 to 71. The results all round are thoroughly satisfactory, and five Exhibitions spread over the various grades have been won. Of ten presented in the Senior Grade, eight passed without a single failure in any of the seven subjects in which each pupil was examined. This is certainly creditable, and evidences good all round teaching. The majority of the failures (which occurred in the Junior Grade) were due to languages, although of the whole 53 presented, only 4 failed in English. The Junior Grade class for the coming year is a bright one, but the Senior, which was the successful Middle Grade of last year, requires some rousing. The house is in good order. The outdoor sanitary arrangements, however, should receive more care as to the condition in which they are kept and in the matter of ventilation.

Fermanagh Protestant Board of Education.—The personnel of the Board remains unchanged, but Rev. Mr. Mitchel, who for more than 20 years efficiently discharged the duties of Secretary, resigned during the year, and Mr. Sinclair Gunning was appointed to the vacancy. Six meetings were held at which the attendance was more than good. As the result of the loss of revenue caused by the reduction of the School roll, the problem of ways and means was frequently discussed, and in this connection I am glad to know that the present term has opened with slightly increased numbers, both of boarders and day boys. It is to be hoped that the Governors will soon be in a position to carry into effect the proposed improvement in the bath accommodation.

Enniskillen Royal School (Portora).—Again the School roll shows a reduction (59 taking the place of 70), and again I am much at a loss to account for it—the efficiency and general condition of the School being at least as satisfactory as they have been for many years. But if the numbers are decreasing, the Intermediate results are distinctly on the up-grade. I have rarely seen better all round returns than those furnished this year by Portora. The percentage of Passes has risen from 51 to 76, the failures in individual subjects were very few, *e.g.*, three in English and two in Latin (out of 34), one in Greek, none in History and Geography, and all this despite the fact that a more exhaustive number was submitted to examination. I am glad to note that the majority of the Commercial Class are now reading for fairly high-class appointments, but I would again urge that boys seeking admission to that Class, should be obliged to read, at least, a partial Intermediate Course. Some useful wainscotting has been carried out in one of the dormitories, and with the exception of some damp spots, evidently the result of a defective roof, the house generally is in good condition.

Ladies' Collegiate School, Enniskillen.—Five pupils were presented for the Intermediate Examinations, and the whole five passed. This is something to be proud of, and when it is remembered that in addition to English, Latin, French and German are taken, it is evident that the Staff do not spare themselves. For this reason, I regret being again unable to certify the School as "qualified" to share in the Ulster Royal School Endowments. The conditions in which it has been found wanting for the School Year just concluded are:—(1) Only sixteen pupils of the prescribed age were on the roll, the Scheme requires twenty; (2) only five passed the Intermediate Examinations, the Scheme requires seven.

Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.—During the year death has caused two changes on this Board—Canon McDonnell taking the place of Monsignor O'Neill, and Father O'Dougherty succeeding Father McGinity. The four Statutory meetings have been held, the attendance of clerical members being good, but that of lay members only fair—one of the latter ceases to be a member as the result of faulty attendance. The financial position is steadily improving, the debit of £353 at the end of 1912 having been reduced to £194 at the end of 1913.

St. Macarten's Seminary (Monaghan).—The School roll is somewhat reduced (68 instead of 76), but the percentage of Passes has risen from 61 to 69, and in this connection it is to be borne in mind that absolutely every available pupil was presented for examination. This is, I think, the proper course, and viewed from this stand-point, the result cannot but be regarded as very satisfactory. The Senior, Middle and Junior No. 1 Classes were good, but in the Junior Nos. 2 and 3 Classes there was much weakness in languages. This is not to be wondered at considering that the fresh boys have practically to begin at the beginning, and that four languages—Latin, Greek, Irish and French—are taken. With the exception of the Classes just mentioned, there was no weak subject, and Mathematics, Irish and English were exceptionally strong. The house generally is in good condition, except the corridor of the new wing, which shows pronounced signs of dampness. The cumbersome cubicles, so frequently alluded to, have been removed, and a bright, airy dormitory is the result.

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St. Michael's (Enniskillen).—The School roll has fallen from 40 to 36, and the percentage of Passes from 60 to 47·6. As to the roll, one would think that with the large Primary School to act as a feeder, there should not be much difficulty in maintaining the numbers at a higher level. The falling off in the percentage of Passes, for which English, French and Mathematics are responsible, is rather serious. It is only fair to say, however, that no subject was particularly weak, and that the present pupils, with a few marked exceptions, are not brilliant. The ceiling of the School corridor needs attention; the playground still presents a very neglected appearance.

Tyrone Protestant Board of Education.—Six meetings were held during the year, the attendance for the most part being good, and in some cases excellent. One member, however, who is one of the joint representatives of the Armagh Diocesan Council, failed to attend a single meeting, and not for the first time. The vast majority of the members evinced a keen and intelligent interest in the welfare of the School, and much good work has been done during the year. New heating apparatus and three spraying baths have been introduced at a cost of £150; new gates have been erected; in the girls' department an old office has been turned into a new classroom, and an additional window has been inserted in the head mistress's drawingroom. The premises generally are in good order.

Dungannon Royal School.—The School roll is practically the same as that of last year (64 instead of 65), but the percentage of Passes is much higher, 62 taking the place of 42. There is perhaps no outstanding feature of merit, but neither is there any pronounced weakness, although I should like to see better results in English. This last, however, is much better than in the previous year, and other subjects if not brilliant are at least fairly creditable. The domestic arrangements are good, the interests of the boarders being well looked after. Candidates for the Free Places were rather below the usual standard. Girls' Department.—Of fifteen pupils within the prescribed ages, thirteen were presented and eight passed. One signal success, a Classical Exhibition in the Senior Grade, was obtained, but on the whole, the results were not so good as those of the previous year. In History and Geography and Mathematics there were many failures; Modern Languages also showed weakness. But then it should be remembered that the number presented for examination was well-nigh exhaustive. The department generally is in very good order, except for damp spots in large dormitory and adjoining passage. Again I should like to refer to the desirability of a partition in the large classroom.

Tyrone Roman Catholic Board of Education.—Mr. Tohall, an old and esteemed member of the Board—and its Honorary Secretary—resigned during the year, and Mr. Dorris, J.P., was co-opted in his place. One member who was co-opted last year, after failing to put in the necessary number of attendances, has again ceased to be a member from the same cause. With this exception, the attendance at the four Statutory meetings was satisfactory. The finances of the Board are in a healthy state. The provisions of the Scheme have been duly observed.

St. Patrick's Academy (Dungannon).—A strong School roll is still the requirement of this School, the numbers having now fallen to 42—18 boys and 24 girls. Out of ten boys available, nine were presented for examination, and six passed, that is 66 per cent. Two of the failures were due to English, and one to Latin, but there was no weak subject, and Science and Mathematics were particularly strong. It is noted, however, that there is a tendency to give French a very secondary place on the Time Table, which I think is a pity. In the Girls' Department the full number available (21) was presented, and 14 passed which also works out at 66 per cent. Latin, History and Geography, Arithmetic and Algebra, all of which showed weakness last year, have recovered; Irish and German, always strong, have maintained their position. A pleasing feature is the introduction of a system of Drill which should do much for the physical welfare of the pupils. It may be noted that, in addition to English, Latin, French, German and Irish are taken—a wide curriculum for such a small school. The attendance might be more regular. The buildings are in good order, but the surrounding grounds are much neglected.

STANISLAUS MURPHY, Inspector.

October 16, 1914.

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Scheme No. 55.—Diocese of Meath. Preston (Navan) Endowment.

NAVAN SCHOOL.—I visited the Preston School, Navan, on different occasions during the past year and found an average attendance present and work being carried on with diligence in the class rooms.

WILLIAM F. ALMENT, Inspector.

February 24, 1915.

Scheme No. 91.—The Anne Hall Endowment, Lattone School.

I cannot report progress at this School in the direction of industrial training, for which the Endowment was mainly intended.

The Manager has earnestly endeavoured to promote the interests of the Schools in this direction, but he is hindered materially by the presence of a most inefficient teacher. I understand that this teacher must shortly retire, when an opportunity for placing the School on a more satisfactory foundation will occur, and the Manager, who is most earnestly anxious for improvement here will, I have no doubt, succeed. The report of the National School Inspector gives the Merit Mark of the School "Fair." He states the Senior pupils have been intelligently taught, and have made good progress during the year.

Pupils on Rolls—72. Average Daily Attendance—43.

THOMAS CARROLL, Inspector.

November 23, 1914.

Scheme No. 95.—Leamy Endowment, Limerick.

LEAMY PROTESTANT BOARD.—I regret to note the death of the Very Rev. Dean O'Brien, for many years a member of the Board. Seven meetings were held during the year, the attendance being on the whole very good. One member, however, failed to attend the requisite number of meetings. The accounts for 1913, which have not yet been audited, show a debit balance of £41 14*s* 10*d*., as compared with £2 5*s* 2*d*. in 1912, the letting of the ground floor of the School premises having necessitated considerable expenditure on repairs, which will in a short time be amply recouped out of the rent received. There was only one free pupil from an elementary school on the roll this year, but I am informed that it is hoped two additional free pupils will be secured for the coming year. In this connection I think it would be well that the Governors should ask the National Board Inspector to suggest suitable candidates, the teachers of National Schools being naturally adverse to losing their good pupils.

SCHOOL.—The School roll is slightly reduced (29), but the regularity in attendance is substantially improved, and the School is once again recognised by the Intermediate Board. In the Junior Department mental arithmetic was good, while in the Intermediate Department Latin showed very careful teaching, but in English a more intimate knowledge of the text might be expected. The conduct of the pupils was all that could be desired, and a decided improvement has been effected in supplying each child with a separate desk. Generally, I was well pleased with the tone which prevailed.

LEAMY ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD.—The death of Mr. Lloyd caused a vacancy during the year, which has been filled by the co-option of Mr. Tidmarsh. The four Statutory meetings were held and were well attended, the percentages of attendances working out at 75 per cent. I am satisfied that the terms of the Scheme have been observed, but again I must call attention to the necessity for a periodical inspection, on the part of the Governors, of the teacher's residence, which is at present unoccupied. If the premises are neglected now, a large outlay will be required to make them habitable later on. The accounts have not yet been audited, but according to the statement shown me, the debit balance has been reduced from £30 1*s* 3*d*. to £24 4*s* 3*d*.

LEAMY NATIONAL SCHOOL.—Roll 493, present 422. The figures for the last quarter were 487 and 393, and for the last year 491 and 401. Again the Merit Mark is "Excellent." Mathematics in the upper standards are highly creditable, Composition and Writing much above the average. The premises are well kept, ventilation receives attention, and the conduct of the pupils generally is exceedingly good.

STANISLAUS MURPHY, Inspector.

June 5, 1914.

Scheme No. 111.—Preston Endowment, Queen's County.

THE LOCAL BOARD.—Four meetings were held during the year, but the attendance of members was only fair, the average number present at each meeting being 4-5. Finance received much attention, and steps were taken which, after the present year, should secure that there will be no increase in the overdraft, and which in time should effect a gradual reduction in the Board's indebtedness. As explained before, the Local Board have up to this been really living six months in advance of their income.

SCHOOL.—The School roll has been reduced from 23 to 20, and on the date of my visit there were only 14 present. A possible means of increasing the number of pupils would be to make the Governing Body representative of a wider area, and to so select the members that each would take a direct and personal interest in the School. Seven candidates were presented for the Intermediate Examinations, of whom five passed, the answering of the one Senior Grade pupil being highly satisfactory. Of the classes at work on the day of my visit, I was favourably impressed by the Preparatory Grade, but not so by the Junior Grade. The general conditions of the premises and the tone of the School are good. I regret that the number of boarders has been materially reduced, as the School is as near an approach to a home as a school can well be.

STANISLAUS MURPHY, Inspector.

December 8, 1914.

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APPENDIX D.

REPORTS OF THE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

I.—Armagh Protestant Board of Education.

The Armagh Protestant Board of Education beg to submit the following as their Report for the year ended 1st August, 1914.

The members of the Board during the year have been:—

Representing the Diocesan Synod:—

6. His Grace the Lord Primate
2. The Very Rev. the Dean of Armagh.
The Ven. the Archdeacon of Armagh.
4. Sir James H. Stronge, Bart.
5. Mr. Arthur Nelson, J.P.

Representing the General Assembly:—

4. Rev. David Miller.
6. Rev. W. J. Fawcett.
1. Mr. R. G. McCann, D.L.

Representing the Methodist Conference.

6. Mr. Joshua E. Peel.

Co-opted Members.

3. Mr. John Compton, J.P.
2. Mr. Maynard Sinton, J.P.
4. Mr. A. G. Sloan.
3. Rev. Canon Forde Tichborne.

Six meetings were held during the year, viz.:—29th September, 8th December (Special), 8th December (Quarterly), 4th March, 11th June, and 21st July (Special).

The numbers prefixed to the names of the members show the numbers of their attendances at meetings of the Board during the year.

On December 8th, 1913, Sir James H. Stronge, Bart., was re-elected our representative on the Board of Commissioners of Education in Ireland.

On March 4th, 1914, His Grace the Lord Primate of All Ireland, was re-elected Chairman, the Rev. David Miller was re-elected Vice-Chairman, Mr. Arthur Nelson, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. Peel, Mr. Nelson, and Sir James H. Stronge were re-elected the Board's representatives on the Joint Estates Committee.

The number of pupils attending the school during Summer term, 1914, was—Boarders, 43; Day pupils 21.

The following were the teaching staff:—

Mr. H. Hirsch, Cambridge, B.A.
Mr. J. E. Boddington, M.A.
Mr. G. Adamson, B.Sc.
Mr. C. M. Tweedy (T.C.D.).
Mr. E. Browne (T.C.D.).
Miss Reid (Drawing).

A list of twenty boys who, amongst others, have received instruction in the subjects prescribed by the Scheme, and have made 100 attendances, was forwarded, as usual, to the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector.

Thirty-nine boys entered for the Intermediate Examinations. Of these 29 passed, namely, Senior Grade, 5; Middle Grade, 5; Junior Grade, 19.

In answer to advertisements, four candidates offered themselves for examination for free-place scholarships. The examination was conducted by Mr. James Fanning, Head Master of the Cathedral Grammar School, the successful candidates being William Robert King and Archibald Stevenson.

An abstract of the accounts for 1913, as audited by the Local Government Board Auditor, has been furnished to the Secretary to the Commissioners.

C. K. IRWIN,
Chairman.
7th December, 1914.

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EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS (IRELAND) ACT, 1885.
48 & 49 *Vic., Chap.* 78.

THE ACCOUNT of the ARMAGH PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION, for the Year ended 31st December, 1913 (ARMAGH ROYAL SCHOOL).

Dr. *Cr.*

CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account	9 13 0	By Balance as per last Account	—
Commissioners of Education	44 10 0	Maintenance of Premises &c	25 7 11
Received from Maintenance Committee	6 3 7	Rates and taxes	41 9 2
Received from Hon Secretary's Special Fund	5 0 0	Salary	3 3 0
Dividends	1 7 6	Fees	3 3 0
Rents	—	Insurance	3 6 9
Fees—Day Boys	12 14 3		
Realized by Sales	—		
		Other payments, viz :— Advertising, Stationery, &c ,	1 17 6
		By Balance	
		Balance per Bank Book £1 16 6	£ s. d.
		Balance in Accounting Officer's hands	1 16 6
		Deduct unpaid Cheques	0 15 6
		Net Balance	1 1 0
Balance against Account on 31st December, 1913	—	Balance in favour of Account on 31st December, 1913	1 1 0
Total	£79 8 4	Total	£79 8 4

We certify that the above is a true account.

JOSHUA E. PEEL, *Governor.*

A. NELSON, *Accounting Officer and Hon. Sec.*

Dated this 7th day of July, 1914.

I certify that the foregoing account is correct.

A. A. FLYNN, *Auditor.*

28th day of August, 1914

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II.—Armagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.

The Armagh Catholic Board of Education beg to submit the following as their report for the year ending August 1st, 1914:—

Five meetings of the Board were held in St. Patrick's College, Armagh, during the year.

The following tabulated form gives the names of the present members of the Board, with the attendance of each member at the meetings during the above period:—

—	3rd Sept., 1913	19th Nov., 1913	18th Feb., 1914	13th May, 1914	1st July, 1914	Total.
His Eminence Cardinal Logue	–	1	1	1	–	3
Very Rev. Canon Coyne	–	1	1	1	–	3
Very Rev. Canon Grimes	1	1	1	1	1	5
Rev. M. B. McConville	1	1	–	–	1	3
William Kerr, Esq., M.D., J.P.	1	1	1	1	1	5
H. J. McKee, Esq.	–	1	1	1	–	3
Andrew Donnelly, Esq.	–	1	–	1	1	3
Rev. Peter Sheerin	–	1	–	1	–	2
Patrick Lavery, Esq.	1	1	1	1	1	5

The Board unanimously re-elected His Eminence Cardinal Logue and Messrs. Wm. Kerr, M.D., J.P., and P. Lavery, Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary (Honorary) for the year 1914, and Very Rev. Canon Coyne, William Kerr and P. Lavery, members of the Estates Committee.

Very Rev. Canon Coyne was elected as our Representative on the Board of the Commissioners of Education.

The Hibernian Bank, Armagh, continues to fill the position of Treasurer to the Board.

The School Committee appointed in accordance with Section 47 of the Scheme, consists of His Eminence Cardinal Logue, Very Rev. M. Carrigy, C.M., President, St. Patrick's College, Armagh; Rev. C. Murphy, C.M., and Rev. Fr. M'Quillan, C.M., Professors, St. Patrick's College, Armagh.

An examination for Free Places was advertised to be held on the 4th August, 1914, in conformity with Section 59 of the Scheme. One candidate presented himself for examination, and he was successful.

Very Rev. M. Carrigy, C.M., Rev. C. Murphy, C.M., Rev. Fr. M'Quillan, C.M., Thomas Savage, Esq., B.A., ——M'Gilligan, Esq., and Thomas W. Holden, Esq., Mus. Bac., constitute the teaching staff.

The subjects of instruction given in the school are:—Latin, Greek, English, French, Irish, Algebra, Arithmetic, Euclid, History, Geography, Physical Geography, Natural Philosophy, Book-keeping, Elocution, Drawing, and Music.

The subjects of instruction for each class are determined by the Programme of the Intermediate Board for each year.

In the year ended 1st August, 1914, there were 46 pupils in the School, of whom 7 were Senior Grade, 13 were Middle Grade, 20 were Junior Grade, and 3 were Preparatory Grade. Three were boys over age.

The following is a list of 20 boys who (with others) have received instruction in the prescribed subjects and have made over 100 attendances during the past twelve months:—

No.	Name	No.	Name	No.	Name	No.	Name
1	Philip S. Berrills	6	Patrick Maher	11	Oscar A. Heron	16	Thomas Savage
2	Alex. A. Connolly	7	John Bennett	12	Patk. J. M. Dwyer	17	Michael Treanor
3	John J. Heron	8	Michael J. Corey	13	Samuel P. M'Grath	18	Michael J. Boyle
4	Henry Laverty	9	Hugh P. Donnelly	14	James J. M'Keever	19	Patrick J. Downey
5	Wm. Savage	10	Bernard Grimes	15	Vincent Mallon	20	John M. Quinn

The following passed the Intermediate Examination, their official numbers are affixed to their names:—

Senior Grade,	M. J. Boyle, 7055	Middle Grade,	J. J. M'Keever, 6087
,,	P. J. Downey, 7225	,,	V. Mallon, 6147
,,	J. M. Quinn, 7742	,,	M. Treanor, 6669
,,	J. Hughes, 7385	,,	T. Savage, 6553
,,	C. J. A. O'Neill, 7686	Junior Grade,	P. S. Berrills, 136
,,	J. F. Stokes, 7824	,,	A. A. Connolly, 620
Middle Grade,	J. Bennett, 5054	,,	J. J. Heron, 1756
,,	M. J. Carey, 5266	,,	H. Laverty, 2212
,,	H. P. Donnelly, 5394	,,	W. Laverty, 2213
,,	B. Grimes, 5645	,,	J. M'Namee, 2703
,,	O. A. Heron, 5726	,,	W. Savage, 3771
,,	P. J. M. Dwyer, 6054	,,	P. Usher, 4063
,,	S. P. M'Grath, 6077		

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All the accounts of the Board up to the 31st December, 1913, have been submitted to the Local Government Board.

A correct copy of the last audited account will accompany this report

Dated this 4th day of November, 1914, and sealed with the Common Seal of the Board.

WILLIAM KERR, *Chairman.*

PATRICK LAVERY, *Hon. Secretary*

The ACCOUNT of ARMAGH ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION for the Year ended 31st December, 1913

Dr — *Cr.*

CHARGE		£ s. d	DISCHARGE		£ s d
To Balance as per last Account		99 11 5½	By Amounts of Payments under the following headings :—		
			Salaries—Mr. Savage's Salary as Professor of English, &c.		160 0 0
1912.			May 7, 1913, Cheque to Very Rev. M. Carrigy on account of Salary due to Professors up to 31st December, 1908		75 0 0
January 25 To amount received from the Commissioners of Education	100 0 0		Sept. 3, Cheque on Account of Salary due Professors up to 31st December, 1909,		75 0 0
June 30 To amount of Interest which accrued on balance in Hibernian Bank, Armagh, and added to current account for half-year	1 9 3		Other Payments, viz.:— 1913		
			Sept. 3 J. O'Riordan, being fee for preparing papers for Free Place Examinations	£ s d 2 2 0	
			Postage, &c.	0 8 8	
July 28 To Amount received from the Commissioners of Education	210 0 0		Cheque Book	0 2 1	
			By Amount invested	£	2 12 9
Dec. 31 To Amount of Interest which accrued on balance in Hibernian Bank, Armagh, and added to current account for half-year	1 7 6		Balance per Bank Book	£ s d 59 8 4	
			Balance in Accounting Officer's hands	40 7 1½	
			Net Balance	99 15 5½	
		312 16 9	Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1913		99 15 5½
Total		412 8 2½	Total	£	412 8 2½

We certify that the above is a true account.

[Seal.] ✠ MICHAEL CARD. LOGUE, *Governor.*

PATRICK LAVERY, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated this 13th day of May, 1914.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

A. A. FLYNN, *Auditor*

31st day of August, 1914.

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III.—Cavan Protestant Board of Education.

The Cavan Protestant Local Board of Education beg to submit the following Report for the year ending August 1st, 1914.

The Hon. Officers and Members of the Board are:—Chairman, The Lord Bishop of Kilmore; Vice-Chairman, the Rev. Wm. McDowell; Hon. Sec., the Rev. E. D. Crowe; the Right Hon. Lord Farnham; T. C. Burrowes, Esq., D.L.; the Ven. the Archdeacon of Kilmore; Rev. A. M'Elfatrick; Rev. C. A. Cronhelm.

The year has been a critical one for the Royal School, Cavan, owing to the resignation of the former Head Master, Mr. J. H. Hampton, B.A., who had held the position for the past 22 years.

The appointment of Mr. R. A. H. Mayers, B.A., as his successor has, however, proved a happy one, and the number of pupils attending the School has been more than maintained. The new Scholarship Scheme has been helpful in securing some additional pupils, and the coming year is full of promise.

Two Prizes were won in the Intermediate Examinations, and the proportion of Passes to those presented was very creditable, considering the difficulties in which the new Head Master was placed by the change of mastership in the middle of the year. The candidates for the United Examination for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge did very well also, securing several Prizes. There was only one candidate for the Free Scholarship in 1914, and he was awarded a Scholarship.

Meetings of the Board were held on August 19th, September 3rd, September 19th, November 4th, December 17th, 1913, January 28th, March 16th, June 9th, July 30th, 1914.

The attendances at the 9 meetings held were—The Lord Bishop, 8; the Rev. Wm. McDowell, 5; the Ven. the Archdeacon of Kilmore, 7; Lord Farnham, 4; T. C. Burrowes, Esq., D.L., 2; Rev. A. M'Elfatrick, 2; R. Walker, Esq., 0; Rev. C. A. Cronhelm, 8; Rev. E. D. Crowe, 9.

WILLIAM MCDOWELL, *Vice-Chairman.*
E. D. CROWE, Clk., *Hon. Secretary.*

November 21, 1914.

The Account of THE CAVAN PROTESTANT LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1913.

Dr. | *Cr.*

CHARGE	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Amounts received during the period in respect of Donations, Bequests, or other Endowments	64 10 0 63 10 0	By Amounts of Payments under the following headings —	£ s. d.	
		Maintenance of Premises, &c.	13 6 0	
		Rent and Taxes, &c.	29 6 0	
Miscellaneous Receipts, viz.—		Salaries,	120 16 9	
		Educational Expenses	2 10 2	
" Technical Fees—Agricultural and Technical Department	35 15 8		165 18 11	165 18 11
" Amount paid in excess by Head Master in 1909 and not previously brought into this Account	12 19 11	Other Payments, viz.		
		Debit Balance, Dec. 31st, 1912	133 3 3	
		Half-year's Int. on Mortgage—		
		Playing Fields	9 14 4	
		Do. do. do.	9 14 4	
		Fire Insurance Premium	2 2 6	
		Refund to Head Master of Over payment	12 19 11	
		Technical Fees—J. H. Hampton	35 15 8	
		Interest on Bank Overdraft	5 19 0	
			209 9 0	209 9 0
		Total Payment,		£375 7 11
Balance against Account on 31st December 1913	198 12 4	Debit Balance, per Bank Book £198 12 4		
Total	£375 7 11	Total,		£375 7 11

We certify that the above is a true Account,

[Seal.] A. G. KILMORE, *Governor.*
E. D. CROWE, Clk., *Accounting Officer.*

Dated this 21st day of November, 1914.

I certify that the Foregoing Account is correct,

W. F. GILL, *Auditor.*

19th day of November, 1914.

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IV.—Cavan Roman Catholic Board of Education.

REPORT of the CAVAN ROMAN CATHOLIC LOCAL BOARD for the Year ending 31st July, 1914.

The membership of the Board is unchanged since last Report was furnished.

The required Quarterly meetings were held, and a list showing the attendances of each member was given on the returns recently sent to the Commissioners' Inspector.

The annual Free Place Examinations were held in June. The Examiner's report, already furnished, shows that the standard of answering was much above that of last year.

Thirty-seven candidates, out of a total of 46 presented, passed at the recent Intermediate Examinations. Two Exhibitions and four Prizes were gained.

The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, continues to represent us on the Board of Commissioners of Education.

✠ PATRICK FINEGAN.

Dated 20th October, 1914.

Meetings and Attendances.

—	6 Oct. 1913	18 Dec. 1913	9 April 1914.	11 July, 1914.
Most Rev. Dr. Finegan	1	1	—	1
Very Rev. Thomas Clarke	1	1	1	1
Very Rev. Patrick Clarke	—	1	1	—
Very Rev. Hugh Brady	1	1	1	1
Rev. Peter Lynch	1	—	1	1
Frederick P. Smith, Esq., M.D.,	1	—	1	—
Louis C. P. Smith, Esq.	1	—	—	1
John Clarke, Esq., M.D.	—	1	—	—
Philip McDonald, Esq., J.P.	1	1	—	1

The ACCOUNT of CAVAN ROMAN CATHOLIC LOCAL BOARD, for the Year ended 31st December, 1913.

Dr. *Cr.*

CHARGE.	£ s d	£ s d	DISCHARGE.	£ s d	£ s d.
To Balance as per last Account ..		6 3 6	By Salaries . .	160 0 0	
„ Cash from Commissioners ..	193 7 8		„ Educational Expenses ..	20 0 0	180 0 0
„ Interest on Account in Bank ..	1 7 5		Other payments, viz. :— Auditor's Fee .	1 1 0	1 1 0
		194 15 1	Total Payment ..		181 1 0
			Balance per Bank Book	£19 17 7	
			Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1913 ..		19 17 7
Total ..		£200 18 7	Total ..		£200 18 7

We certify that the above is a true account,

[Seal.] ✠ PATRICK FINEGAN, *Governor.*

HUGH BRADY, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated this 8th day of January, 1914.

I certify that the foregoing account is correct,

A. A. FLYNN, *Auditor.*

5th day of February, 1914.

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V.—Donegal Protestant Board of Education.

The Donegal Protestant Board of Education beg to submit the following Report for the year ended 31st July, 1914:—

Constitution of the Board.—Elected Members.—Rev. A. G. Lecky, B.A., Chairman (5); Cecil V. Stoney, Esq., M.A., J.P., Vice Chairman (3); Rev. James Craig Wallace, B.A. (2); Rev. Samuel Meek, B.A. (4); Rev. Canon Arthur M'Quade, M.A. (0); Rev. William Scott, B.A. (3); Rev. W. F. H. Garstin, M.A. (1); Mr. David Wilson, B.A. (3); Mr. Thomas Hamilton, J.P. (5).

Co-opted Members.—Rev. William Logan, M.A. (1); Rev. Canon Garstin (0); Mr. George Irvine (1); Mr. Alexander Weir (1); Mr. J. F. A. Simms (1).

Meetings.—The Board held five meetings during the year. The numbers affixed to the above names show the attendances of members.

Raphoe Royal School.—The number of pupils in attendance at the School for the past year was 34, of whom 8 were boarders. Two pupils were prepared for the Senior Grade Intermediate Examinations for 1914, 5 for the Middle Grade, and 5 for the Junior Grade. An examination of the Preparatory Grade pupils was held in June, 1914, by the Staff of the School.

The Board spent a considerable sum of money on the repairs of the School buildings during the year, and they are now in good repair.

Income.—A copy of the audited statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1913, is sent herewith.

Free Places.—The examination for Free Places at the Royal School was held on 30th August, 1913, and was conducted by Cecil V. Stoney, Esq., M.A., and the Head Master. Three candidates presented themselves for examination, all of whom were admitted as pupils of the School; two as day pupils, and one as a boarder, at the usual reduced fee.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board held 7th August, 1914.

C. V. Stoney, *Chairman.*

The Account of the Donegal Protestant Board of Education for the year ended 31st December, 1913.

Dr. *Cr.*

Charge.	£ s d	£ s d	Discharge.	£ s d	£ s d
To Balance as per last Account		1 19 4	By Maintenance of premises, &c.		230 5 7
,, Endowments, &c.		105 11 5	,, Rates and Taxes		21 2 10
,, Dividends		9 4 8	,, Salaries		90 19 4
,, Rents		33 2 4	,, Prizes		9 4 6
Miscellaneous Receipts, viz.:—					
Amounts from Deposit Account in Bank	£ s d 230 0 0		Other Payments, viz.:—	£ s d	
Interest on Bank Deposits	5 7 2	235 7 2	Insurance	3 15 3	
			Advertising	0 2 0	
			Audit Fee	1 1 0	
			Solicitor's Costs	25 13 6	
			Interest	0 2 6	
			Secretary's Expenses	0 9 4	
			Sundries	0 4 2	
					31 7 9
			By Amount invested:— Balance, per Bank Book	2 4 11	
			Balance in favour of Account on 31st December, 1913		2 4 11
Total		£385 4 11	Total		£385 4 11

List of Securities held in the name of the Governing Body.—Bank of Ireland Stock, £15 0s. 9d.; Bank of Ireland Stock, £63 0s. 9d. Strabane and Letterkenny Railway 4 per cent. guaranteed shares, £50. Deposit in Northern Bank, Receipt No. 15,692, 20th August, 1913, £70.

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.] Alex. G. Lecky, *Governor.*

Thos. Hamilton, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated this 6th day of February, 1914.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

A. A. Flynn, *Auditor.*

12th day of March, 1914.

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VI.—Donegal Roman Catholic Board of Education.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Donegal Roman Catholic Board of Education held four meetings during the year ending the 1st August, 1914. A list showing the dates of the meetings and the attendances of the members of the Board is appended.

At the annual meeting held on the 23rd September, 1913, Messrs. James Dunlevy, Solicitor, and James Boyle, Solicitor, were co-opted members of the Board. Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Lord Bishop of Raphoe, was appointed Chairman; Edward McFadden, Esq., Solicitor, Vice-Chairman; the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny, Treasurer; Rev. John McCafferty, Adm., Secretary; and Very Rev. James MacGinley, D.D., Dean, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Representative on the Board of Commissioners of Education in Ireland.

The following are the members of the School Committee:—Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Very Rev. Canon Doherty, Edward McFadden, Esq.

Forty-six candidates, for Free Places in St. Eunan's College, presented themselves for examination last June. Eleven Scholarships were awarded to candidates under 14 years of age. Six over-age candidates were awarded Scholarships.

The Accounts show a credit balance of £1 8s. 10*d.* at the end of the financial year 1913.

✠ Patrick O'Donnell.
Chairman.

John McCafferty, Adm.
Hon. Secretary.

23rd September, 1914.

List of attendances at Meetings for the Year ended 31st July, 1914.

Names of Members of Board	23rd Sept., 1913	14th April, 1914	13th May, 1914	10th July, 1914	Total attendances
Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell	1	–	1	1	3
Right Rev. Monsignor M'Glynn	1	1	1	1	4
Right Rev. Monsignor Walker	1	1	1	1	4
Very Rev. John Canon Doherty		1	1	1	3
Rev. John M'Cafferty	1	1	–	1	3
Edward McFadden, Esq., Sol.	1	–	–	1	2
Thomas Mulhern, Esq., J.P.	–	1	–	1	2
James Dunlevy, Esq., Solicitor	–	–	1	–	1
James Boyle, Esq., Solicitor	–	–	–	–	–
Number present at meeting	5	5	5	7	22

(Signed).

John McCafferty, Adm.
Hon. Secretary.

23rd September, 1914.

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THE ACCOUNT OF DONEGAL ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1913.

Dr *Cr.*

CHARGE	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account		2 2 11	By Salaries		109 0 0
Received from the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, 25th January, 1913	48 10 0		Maintenance of Resident Staff		
Received from the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, 28th July, 1913	62 0 0		,, Educational Expenses		
			Other Payments, viz.—		
			Cheque Book	0 2 1	
			L.G.B. (1911) Audit	1 1 0	
		110 10 0	L.G.B. (1912) Audit	1 1 0	2 4 1
			By Amount invested —		
			Balance, per Bank Book	1 8 10	
			Balance in favour of Account on 31st December, 1913.		1 8 10
Total		£112 12 11	Total		£112 12 11

We certify that the above is a true Account.

✠PATRICK O'DONNELL, *Governor.*

JOHN M'CAFFERTY, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated this 23rd day of September, 1914.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

A. A. FLYNN, *Auditor.*

18th day of November, 1914.

VII.—Fermanagh Protestant Board of Education.

Report for Year ended 1st August, 1914.

The Board held four Quarterly and two Special meetings during the year. The attendance of members was as follows —

Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Clogher	6	Meetings.
Rev. Canon Webb, M.A.	6	,,
Rev. D. I. Boyle	5	,,
James Dundas	6	,,
William Teele, J.P.	5	,,
Charles F. Falls, M.A.	3	,,
H. C. Gordon	5	,,
W. C. Trimble, J.P.	4	,,
George Whaley	6	,,

At the meeting of 30th October, 1913, Mr. C. F. Falls was elected as representative on the Board of Commissioners of Education in Ireland.

At the meeting on January 30th, 1914, the Lord Bishop of Clogher was elected as Chairman, and Mr James Dundas as Vice-Chairman for ensuing year. During the year Rev. S. C. Mitchel resigned the Secretaryship of the Board, having held the position for twenty years. The Board passed a resolution expressing their keen appreciation of his services and regret at his resignation. Mr. Sinclair Gunning was appointed in his place.

The results of the Intermediate Examination held in 1914 were exceptionally good. The percentage of Passes increased from 51 to 76.

Ten boys passed with credit an examination held by the Royal Society of Arts.

All necessary repairs were carried out during the year, and the buildings are in a fair state.

MAURICE CLOGHER, *Chairman.*

February 4, 1915.

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The Account of Fermanagh Protestant Board of Education for the Year ended 31st December, 1913.

Dr. *Cr.*

Charge	£ s. d.	Discharge	£ s d
To Balance as per last Account	—	By Balance as per last Account	120 6 7
,, Endowments	507 13 4	,, Maintenance of Premises, &c	98 18 11
,, Subscriptions	191 4 10	,, Rent, Rates and Taxes	26 9 7
,, Dividends	25 5 8	,, Salaries	1,021 8 1
,, Rents	100 0 0	,, Educational Expenses	27 1 9
,, Fees	512 10 0	,, Prizes	30 1 0
		,, Other Payments—Petty Cash	9 3 4
Miscellaneous Receipts, viz.:—		By amount invested, viz.:—	
Interest on current Account	2 14 8	Balance, per Bank Book £ s d 5 9 1; Balance in Accounting Officer's hands 0 10 2 — 5 19 3	
Balance against Account on 31st December, 1913	—	Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1913	5 19 3
Total ..	1,339 8 6	Total £	1,339 8 6

We certify that the above is a true Account

[Seal.] J. Dundas, *Governor*

S. C. Mitchell, *Accounting Officer*

Dated this 30th day of January, 1914.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct,

A. A. Flynn, *Auditor.*

5th day of February, 1914.

VIII.—Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.

The Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education beg to submit the following as their Report for the year ended 1st August, 1914.

Four Meetings of the Board were held during the year. These were as follows:—

1st Meeting (Ordinary), 1st October, 1913, held in St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan.
2nd ,, (Ordinary), 7th January, 1914, held in Canon Keown's, Enniskillen.
3rd ,, (Ordinary), 1st April, 1914, held in Seminary, Monaghan.
4th ,, (Ordinary), 11th July, 1914, held in Seminary, Monaghan.

Table showing Membership and Attendances.

Members of Board	Number of Attendances	Members of Board	Number of Attendances
Most Rev. Patrick McKenna, D.D., (Chairman)	4	J. F. Wray, Esq., LL.B., Solicitor	1
Very Rev. P., Canon Keown, P.P., V.G.	3	Patrick Crumley, Esq., M.P.	1
Very Rev. P., Canon McDonnell, P.P. (in room of late Right Rev. Dean O'Neill, P.P.) ..	1	Thomas Toal, Esq., J.P., C.C.C.	1
Very Rev. P., Canon Smyth, P.P.	3	Denis Carolan Rushe, B.A. (Hon. Secretary)	2
Rev. Thomas O'Doherty, P.P. (in room of late Rev. P. McGinity, P.P.) ..	0		

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Commissioner of Education:—Most Rev. Patrick McKenna, D.D.

Rev. L. Murray resigned his position as Professor in St. Macarten's Seminary on the 6th February, 1914, and at the meeting of the Board on the 1st April the Rev. F. P. McCaffrey was appointed in his stead.

Report of St. Macarten's Seminary.—During the year 62 students were resident in the College, and of these 59 were presented for the Intermediate Examinations. Total Passes 41, of which 12 were passed with Honours.

The following Scholarships were awarded on results of Senior Grade Examinations:—

Owen J. McGinnity, Monaghan County Council Scholarship value £50 a year, tenable for three years.
Edward Lennon, Monaghan County Council Scholarship value £50 a year, tenable for three years.
Charles Daley, Monaghan County Council Bursary value £25 a year, tenable for three years.

Report of St. Michael's School.—There were for the year 1913–14, 36 boys on School roll, about the same number as previous year.

A Preparatory Grade was formed under the new Intermediate Rules. Being a small school every eligible pupil over fourteen had to be presented for Junior Grade Examination after one year's course.

Twenty-one boys were presented for the Intermediate in Senior, Middle and Junior Grades. Ten passed, three in Middle and seven in Junior. Two passed Matriculation, three or four non-Intermediate boys passed Railway and other examinations.

The chief games were football and handball.

DENIS CAROLAN RUSHE, *Hon. Secretary*.

1st October, 1914.

The ACCOUNT of the FERMANAGH ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD of EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1913.

Dr. *Cr.*

CHARGE	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE	£ s. d.
To Donations, Bequests, &c. (See details below)	1,198 8 11	By Balance as per last Account ..	353 8 2
Intermediate Results £511 4 7		,, Salaries	660 0 0
Department of Agriculture 169 18 7		,, Maintenance of Resident Staff ..	200 0 0
Commissioners of Education 527 5 9		,, Educational Expenses ..	10 0 0
		,, Prizes	135 0 0
		Other Payments, viz.:—	
		Audit Fees for year 1912 .. £3 3 0	
		Advertising Free Place Examination 1 4 8	
		Cheque Book (100) 0 8 4	
		Interest for year 1913 .. 29 10 9	
Balance against Account on 31st December, 1913	194 6 0		34 6 9
Total	1,392 14 11	Total	1,392 14 11

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.] ✠ PATRICK MCKENNA, *Chairman*.

DENIS CAROLAN RUSHE, *Hon. Secretary*.

Dated this 25th day of February, 1914.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

A. A. FLYNN, *Auditor*.

3rd day of March, 1914.

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IX.—Tyrone Protestant Board of Education.

Royal School, Dungannon,
September 17th, 1914.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Tyrone Protestant Board of Education have the honour to submit the following report of their proceedings for the year ending July 31st, 1914.

No change has taken place in the constitution of the Board.

Six (6) meetings have been held during the year.

Seven (7) Candidates entered for and six (6) were admitted to the Annual Free Place Examination, but only two places have been awarded, the other Candidates not coming up to the standard.

Attached are:

(a) Audited Account to 31st December, 1913.
(b) Attendance Roll at Board Meetings.

We have the honour to be,
My Lords and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servants,

James Dickson, *Chairman*
John W. Leebody, *Hon. Secretary.*

Attendance Roll, Year ending 31st July, 1914.

Names	3rd Sept., 1913	15th Dec., 1913	12th Jan., 1914	5th Feb., 1914	23rd Mar., 1914	22nd June, 1914	Total
1. James Dickson	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
2. Captain Lowry	1	–	–	–	1	–	2
3. Rev. R. T. Simpson	1	–	1	1	1	1	5
4. Rev. Dr. James	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
5. Robert Brown	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
6. John Smith	1	1	1	1	–	1	5
7. J. F. A. Simms	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
8. W. J. Venables	–	–	1	–	1	–	2
9. John W. Leebody	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Total	6	4	6	5	7	5	—

John W. Leebody, *Hon. Secretary.*

The Account of Tyrone Protestant Board of Education for the year ended 31st December, 1913.

Dr. — *Cr.*

Charge.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Discharge.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account		92 12 4	By amounts of Payments under the following headings:—		
„ Donations, Bequests, &c.		632 0 0	Maintenance of Premises, &c.		134 18 11
„ Subscriptions		42 0 0	Rent, Rates, Taxes, and Insurance		79 5 1
„ Dividends and Interest		15 7 10	Salaries		350 0 0
„ Rents		6 0 0	House Scholarships		97 2 6
„ Realized by Sales		2 10 0	Educational Expenses		116 5 2
			Advertising		65 10 4
Attendance Grants —	£ s. d.		„ Other Payments, viz.:—	£ s. d.	
Boys School	69 16 9		Telephone Rent	5 15 0	
Girls School	43 5 5	113 2 2	Cheque Book	0 8 4	
			Interest on overdraft, 30th June, 1913	1 6 0	
			W. Brown & Son—Expenses in sending Pupils Abroad	25 16 5	
			L.G.B. Audit Fee	2 2 0	35 7 9
Balance against Account on 31st December, 1913		4 7 5	Balance in favour of account on 31st December, 1913		—
Total		£878 9 9	Total		878 9 9

List of Securities held in the name of the Governing Body.—2½ per cent. Consols, standing in the names of John W. Leebody and James Dickson, £600.

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.] James Dickson, *Governor.*
John W. Leebody, *Accounting Officer.*

17th day of September, 1914.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

A. A. Flynn, *Auditor.*

5th day of October, 1914.

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X.—Tyrone Roman Catholic Board of Education.

REPORT of Tyrone Roman Catholic Board of Education for the Year 1914.

At the Free Place Examination held in St. Patrick's Academy, on Tuesday, the 7th July, 1914, 21 Candidates presented themselves—13 boys and 8 girls—of whom 11 scored 50 per cent. or upwards. Eight boys were awarded free places; and two girls, one of whom, having made 75 per cent., got an Exhibition of £5 as well as free education for two years.

We have still reason for commenting on the small attendance of male pupils in attendance, though somewhat in advance of last year. The chief cause seems to be the unwillingness of boys of the suitable age and social position to leave the local National School and seek an Intermediate education.

The Examination papers were set, and answers examined by Richard Burke, Esq., Science and Mathematical Master in St. Patrick's Academy.

Mr. Henry Tohall resigned his seat on the Board, Mr. John Doris, J.P., C.C.H., Woodlawn, Dungannon, was co-opted by the other Lay members to the vacant seat.

A list of the meetings held during the School year with the attendance of the members is appended.

Copies of the Audited Account for the calendar year of 1913 have been already sent to the Commissioners.

P. J. BYRNE, *Chairman.*
W. J. REYNOLDS, *Hon. Sec., pro tem.*

Dated this 9th day of December, 1914.

Meetings held during the School Year ended 1st August, 1914.

Names of the Members.	Meeting 3rd Sept., 1913	Meeting 11th Dec., 1913	Meeting 12th Mar., 1914	Meeting 11th June, 1914	Total Attendances of each Member.
1. The Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Derry and his Deputy, the Rev. James O'Kane, P.P.,	1	1	1	1	4
2. Right Rev. Monsignor Dean Byrne, P.P., V.G.,	1	1	1	1	4
3. Right Rev. Monsignor O Doherty, P.P., V.F.,	–	–	1	1	2
4. Very Rev. Thomas Canon Rice, P.P., V.F.,	1	–	–	1	2
5. Very Rev. Thomas Canon McWilliams, P.P.,	1	1	1	1	4
6. William J. Reynolds, Esq.,	1	1	1	1	4
7. John Magnue, Esq., J.P.,	–	–	–	–	–
8. Daniel Hackett, Esq., J.P.,	1	–	–	1	2
9. Henry Tohall, Esq., J.P.,	1	1	–	–	2
Number of Members at each Meeting	7	5	5	7	–

The ACCOUNT of TYRONE ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1913.

Dr. *Cr.*

CHARGE	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account	386 0 2	By Amount of Payments under the following Headings:—		
„ Dividends	9 10 9	Maintenance of premises, &c.	25 14 3	
„ Rents	633 0 0	Rent, Rates, Taxes,	19 15 10	
„ Fees	105 11 0	Salaries	496 6 8	
		Maintenance of Resident Staff	3 10 0	
		Educational Expenses	39 0 6	
		Prizes	51 0 0	635 7 3
		„ Other Payments, viz.:—		
		Coke	6 1 6	
		Gas	4 7 0	
		Firewood	1 19 0	
		Furniture	25 5 6	
		Advertising Free Place Examinations	0 15 0	
		Cheque Book	0 8 4	
		Auditor	1 1 0	
		Attendant's Cleaning	14 12 0	54 9 4
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1913, in the Provincial Bank, Ltd., Dungannon		444 5 4
Total	1,134 1 11	Total		1,134 1 11

We certify that the above is a true Account,

P. J. BYRNE, *Governor.*
HENRY TOHALL, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated this 22nd day of June, 1914.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct,

WM. FOLEY, *Auditor.*

11th day of July, 1914.

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DUBLIN CASTLE,

17*th April*, 1915.

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, forwarding, for submission to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Annual Report of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland for the year 1914.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

E. O'FARRELL.

The Secretary

to the Commissioners of Education in Ireland,

6 Grafton Street,

Dublin.

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